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APPOINTMENT OF PRISON (BOOM/HATTIEVILLE ROAD) ORDER

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1. Short title.

2. Appointment of Prison.

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APPOINTMENT OF PRISON (BOOM/HATTIEVILLE ROAD) ORDER

(Section 11)

[13th October, 1990.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

APPOINTMENT OF PRISON (BOOM/HATTIEVILLE ROAD) ORDER.

Appointment of Prison.
CAP. 139.

2. The area described in the schedule hereto shall be a prison for the purposes of the Prisons Act.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Prisons this 8th day of October, 1990.

(VALDEMAR CASTILLO)
Minister Responsible for Prisons

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SCHEDULE

All that piece or parcel of land being a portion of National Lands containing approximately 212.25 acres situated along the Hattieville-Boom Road about 1¼ miles from its junction with the Western Highway; bounded on the East by the Hattieville-Boom Road and on the North, South and West by National Lands: being more particularly described as follows:-

Commencing at a point; marked by a monument; which may be located by beginning at DOS-21 (a Trigonometrical Control Station) thence on a grid bearing of 294º 53' 00" a grid distance of 1.664 metres to the point of commencement. Thence on a grid bearing of 260º 00' 58" a grid distance of 1246.383m to a monument; Thence on a grid bearing of 170º 00' 58" a grid distance of 671.339m to a monument; Thence on a grid bearing of 80º 00' 58" a grid distance of 1327.849m to a monument; Thence on a grid bearing of 348º 34' 03" a grid distance of 208.902m to a monument; Thence on a grid bearing of 329º 25' 10" a grid distance of 260.035m to a monument; Thence on a grid bearing of 354º 02' 38"a grid distance of 219.724m back to the point of commencement.
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CHAPTER 139

PRISON RULES

(Section 17)

Short title.

1. These Rules may be cited as the

PRISON RULES.

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Interpretation.

2. (1) In these Rules -

"Act" means the Prisons Act;

"Chaplain" means a person permitted by the Minister to hold religious services in accordance with these Rules;

"legal adviser" means, in relation to a prisoner, the prisoner's Attorney-at-Law;

"prison officer" means an officer or servant of a prison;

"Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Prisons appointed under section 4 of the Act;

"the prison" means any place appointed as a prison under the Act.

(2) The first, second, third, fourth and fifth Schedules of these Rules shall form part of these Rules.

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PART II
GENERAL RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

Application of Part II.

3. The rules of this Part shall apply to all classes of prisoners except in so far as they are inconsistent with Part III of these Rules.

Purposes of training.

4. The purpose of training and treatment of convicted prisoners shall be to establish in them the will to lead a good and useful life on discharge and fit them to do so.

Special prisons and open prisons.

5. (1) The Minister may set aside particular prisons or parts of prisons for the accommodation of special classes of prisoners.

(2) The Minister may establish or set aside prisons for the treatment in open conditions of selected prisoners or classes of prisoners.

Reception interview.

6. (1) At every prison the Superintendent shall, with the assistance of the Reception Board, if such a Board has been set up, interview every prisoner as soon as possible after his reception into prison and consider what arrangements are to be made for his work and training.

(2) The Superintendent shall also classify the prisoner having regard to his age, character and previous history.

Classification.

7. (1) With a view to preventing contamination and in order to assist training, prisoners should where possible be classified in accordance with the following paragraphs of this rule.

(2) Prisoners under sixteen years of age shall be placed in the Junior Prisoners' Class.

(3) Other prisoners under twenty-one years of age shall be placed in the Young Prisoners' Class.

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(4) *(a)* Prisoners of twenty-one years of age and over who have not previously been in prison on conviction shall be placed in the Star Class unless the Superintendent considers that, in view of their record or characters, they are likely to have a bad influence on others.

(b) The Superintendent may also place in the Star Class a prisoner of twenty-one years of age and over who has previously been in prison on conviction if satisfied having regard to the nature of the previous offence or to the length of time since it was committed, or to the prisoner's general record and character, that he is not likely to have a bad influence on others.

(5) Other convicted prisoners shall be placed in the Ordinary Class.

(6) The Superintendent may after consideration of all the circumstances and having regard to the welfare of both the prisoner and others in the Young Prisoners' Class remove a prisoner therefrom whom he regards as unsuitable by character for that class, and may place him in the Star Class.

(7) The Superintendent may in his discretion at any time remove from the Star Class to the Ordinary Class a prisoner whose character has shown him to be unfit to associate with other prisoners of the Star Class.

(8) Arrangements shall be made in all prisons to provide so far as practicable for the effective separation at all times of the classes of convicted prisoners.

Privileges.

8. (1) The Superintendent shall, in the interest of good conduct and training, establish at every prison such system or systems of privileges as may

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be appropriate for different classes of prisoners and different methods of training. Such system of privileges shall be approved by the Minister.

(2) Every such system shall include arrangements under which sums paid to prisoners under these Rules may be spent on such articles and subject to such conditions as the Superintendent may determine with the approval of the Minister.

Stages.

9. (1) There shall be three stages: first, second and third. Every prisoner shall pass through these stages or through as many of them as the term of his imprisonment admits. The promotion of a prisoner from stage to stage shall be gained by industry and good conduct.

(2) The Superintendent shall have the power to postpone promotion of any prisoner to a higher stage or to reduce such prisoner to a lower stage if he thinks that misconduct or lack of industry on the part of the prisoner warrants such action.

(3) Prisoners, on admission shall be put in the First Stage for the first three months of their sentence. They shall wear ordinary prison dress and be treated in accordance with the general rules for prisoners. They shall be allowed to earn other privileges which may be accorded to prisoners in this stage.

50 of 1998.

(4) Prisoners, after having served the first three months of their sentence, shall be promoted to the Second Stage and shall remain therein until they have served the first nine months of their sentence. They shall wear ordinary prison dress with the addition of one white stripe on the left sleeve above the elbow. They shall be eligible for all privileges accorded to prisoners in the First Stage and any additional privileges which may be accorded to prisoners in this stage.

50 of 1998.

(5) Prisoners, after having served the first nine months of the sentence, shall be promoted to the Third Stage and shall remain therein for the

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remainder of their sentence. They shall wear ordinary prison dress with the addition to two white stripes on the left sleeve above the elbow. They shall be eligible for all the privileges which may be accorded to prisoners in this stage.

Sleeping.

10. (1) No sleeping accommodation for prisoners shall be used unless it is certified to the Minister by the senior Medical Officer to be of such size, and to be lighted, ventilated and fitted in such a manner as is requisite for health, and when such accommodation is locked it shall be furnished with the means of enabling prisoners to communicate at any time with an officer. The certificate shall specify the maximum number of prisoners to be accommodated at any one time in such room or ward, and the number so specified shall not be exceeded without the Minister's authority.

(2) Where sleeping accommodation is in separate cells each prisoner shall occupy a cell by himself:

Provided that where it is necessary for special reasons, not less than three prisoners may be located in one cell.

Cell furniture.

11. (1) Every prisoner shall be supplied with –

(a) a cot or wooden bunk;

(b) a blanket;

(c) a pillow;

(d) a water container;

(e) a bench or stool;

(f) a covered chamber-pot, or covered slop pail or night access to a latrine.

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(2) Additional bedding shall be supplied on the recommendation of the Prison Medical Officer.

Cell lighting.

12. (1) Cells shall be lighted individually so as to permit of reading or working up to a reasonable hour as may be fixed by the Superintendent.

(2) It shall be lawful for the Superintendent to remove the light from a cell if it becomes necessary to do so for the purposes of discipline.

Women's prison.

13. (1) In a prison for both men and women the whole of the premises allocated to women shall be entirely separate and shall be secured by locks different from those used in the men's prison.

(2) The keys of the premises allocated to women shall be under the control of women officers, and no male officer shall enter the premises except on duty and in the company of a woman officer.

Fire precautions.

14. (1) The Superintendent shall cause proper precautions against fire to be taken and fire appliances and equipment to be kept in good order and ready for use.

(2) The officer in charge of the Belize Fire Brigade shall inspect the fire fighting appliances and equipment of the prison once every six months and shall advise the Superintendent on necessary precautions against fire.

(3) A set of rules and instructions as set out in the Third Schedule to these Rules governing fire precautions and fire drill shall be kept prominently posted in every prison and section of a prison.

(4) Fire drills will be carried out at least once a month when the fire hydrants, hose or other apparatus will be worked and tested; and the Superintendent will enter in his journal that this has been done.

Committal form.

15. No prisoner shall be received into the prison unless the usual form of

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committal, properly filled up in all its parts is delivered to the Superintendent or other officer doing reception duties.

Time of admission.

16. Prisoners shall not be received at the prison earlier than 6.30 a.m. and later than 5.00 p.m., or on any Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday except with special permission of the Superintendent.

Search.

17. (1) Every prisoner shall be carefully searched on admission and at such subsequent times as may be directed, and all prohibited articles shall be taken from him.

(2) The searching of a prisoner shall be conducted with due regard to decency and self respect and in as seemly a manner as is consistent with the necessity of discovering any concealed article.

(3) No prisoner shall be stripped and searched in the sight of another prisoner.

(4) A prisoner shall be searched only by officers of the same sex as the prisoner.

Prisoners' property.

18. All money, clothing, or other effects belonging to a prisoner which he is not allowed to retain shall be placed in the custody of the Superintendent who shall be responsible for having an inventory thereof kept in the prisoners' property book. This inventory shall be signed by the prisoner on his admission and on his discharge or removal.

Recording of particulars.

19. The name, age, height, weight, particular marks, and such other measurements and particulars as may be required in regard to a prisoner shall upon his reception, out of sight and hearing of other prisoners, and from time to time be recorded in such manner as the Superintendent may determine subject to the approval of the Minister.

Photographs and finger prints.

20. A prisoner may be photographed on reception and/or his finger prints

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taken but no copy of the photographs or finger prints shall be given to a person who is not authorised to receive it.

Baths.

21. Every prisoner shall, unless exempted by the Superintendent or Medical Officer, take a bath on reception.

Medical examination.

22. Every prisoner shall, on the day of his reception, as soon as possible after his reception, be separately examined by the Medical Officer, who shall record the state of health of the prisoner, the type of work the prisoner is capable of performing and such other particulars as may be directed:

Provided that when a prisoner is received too late to be examined on the same day he shall be examined as soon as possible on the next day, and in any case within twenty-four hours of reception,

Babies.

23. Subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine, a woman prisoner may have her baby with her in prison during the normal period of lactation and longer if required in special circumstances, and the baby may be supplied with clothing and necessaries at the public expense.

Information to be given to prisoners on reception.

24. (1) Arrangements shall be made to ensure that every prisoner on reception is provided with full information about the rules governing the treatment of prisoners of his class and about any other regulations of which he should have knowledge including those relating to earnings and privileges, to the proper methods of submitting petitions to the Governor-General, and of making complaints, to food, clothing, bedding, and other necessaries and to the disciplinary requirements of the prison.

(2) The Superintendent shall personally, or through such officer as he may appoint, ensure as soon as possible after reception and in any case within twenty-four hours, that every prisoner who can read has read the information so provided.

(3) Where a prisoner cannot read or has difficulty in understanding

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the information so provided, it shall be so explained to him that he may understand both his rights and his obligations.

Custody during removal.

25. A prisoner who, by law, is being taken to any place shall, while outside the prison, be kept in custody of prison officers:

Provided that a prisoner directed to be brought before a court, or by warrant to be taken to prison, shall be in the custody of a police officer.

Protection from public view.

26. When prisoners are being removed to or from prison, they shall not be unduly exposed to public view, and proper safeguards shall be adopted to protect them from insult or curiosity.

Final interviews with super-intendent.

27. Every prisoner shall before discharge or removal to another prison be interviewed by the Superintendent.

Final interview with Medical Officer.

28. (1) Every prisoner shall in as short a time as is practicable before discharge or removal to another prison, be examined by the Medical Officer.

(2) A prisoner shall not be removed to another prison unless the Medical Officer certifies that he is fit for removal.

(3) A prisoner due for discharge who is suffering from an acute or dangerous illness shall, unless he refuses to stay, not be sent out of prison until in the opinion of the Medical Officer it is safe to send him out.

Return of clothes and property.

29. On the discharge of a prisoner, his own clothes and other property shall be returned to him unless it has been found necessary to destroy or otherwise dispose of them, in which case proper clothing shall be provided.

Time of release.

30. A prisoner shall be released on the day on which his sentence expires, or on the previous day whenever the sentence expires on Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday, the normal hour of discharge being in the afternoon.

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Passage to prisoners on discharge.

31. A prisoner who resides outside the city of Belize, shall, on discharge, be provided with a free passage to the town or village nearest his place of residence.

Aid on discharge.

32. There shall be a fund from which prisoners shall be assisted on discharge according to their needs and prospects of rehabilitation. It shall be administered by a body or officer appointed by the Minister for the purpose.

Record of death.

33. The Medical Officer shall keep a record of the death of any prisoner which shall include the following particulars:

(a) the time the deceased was taken ill;

(b) the time the illness was first notified to the Medical Officer;

(c) the nature of the illness;

(d) the time the prisoner died;

(e) an account of the appearance after death (in cases where a post mortem examination is made), together with any special remarks that appear to him to be required.

Notice to Coroner, etc.

34. Upon the death of a prisoner or the infant child of a prisoner the Superintendent shall give immediate notice thereof to the Minister, the coroner of the District, and, when practicable, to the nearest relatives of the deceased.

Delivery of body.

35. Whenever the relations of a prisoner who has died in prison of natural causes are desirous of having the body of such prisoner delivered to them for burial, they shall apply to the Superintendent, who, after ascertaining from the Prison Medical Officer that delivering the body would not be injurious to public health, may deliver up the body and it shall be taken away from the prison in a

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decent manner.

General.

36. The rules in this section shall be applied, due allowance being made for the differences of character and response to discipline of different types of prisoner, in accordance with the following principles:-

(a) discipline and order shall be maintained with firmness, but with no more restriction than is required for safe custody and well ordered community life;

(b) in the control of prisoners officers shall seek to influence them through their own example and leadership, and to enlist their willing co-operation;

(c) at all times the treatment of prisoners shall be such as to encourage their self-respect and a sense of personal responsibility.

Supervision of women.

37. Women prisoners shall be attended only by women officers and if-working under a male instructor shall be supervised by a woman officer.

Use of force.

38. (1) No officer in dealing with prisoners shall use force unnecessarily, and when the application of force to a prisoner is necessary no more force than is necessary shall be used.

(2) No officer shall strike a prisoner except in self defence or when ordered to inflict corporal punishment.

(3) No officer shall deliberately act in a manner calculated to provoke a prisoner.

Use of weapons.

39. No officer shall use or threaten to use any weapon against any prisoner except in case of:-

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(a) dangerous violence employed or threatened by such prisoner;

(b) attempts to escape as provided in section 39 of the Act.

Prisoners not to hold disciplinary post.

40. No prisoner shall be employed in any disciplinary capacity, but prisoners carefully selected by the Superintendent may be given positions of responsibility and leadership within such limits as the Minister determines.

Temporary work in cell.

41. (1) If at any time it appears to a Visiting Justice or the Minister or the Superintendent that it is desirable for the maintenance of good order or discipline or in the interest of a prisoner that that prisoner should not work in association with others, the Superintendent may be authorised to arrange for that prisoner to work temporarily in a cell and not in association.

(2) The Superintendent may arrange for such a prisoner again to work in association whenever he considers this desirable, and he shall do so in any case if the Medical Officer so advises on medical grounds, or at the expiration of one month unless further authority is given from month to month by a Visiting justice or the Minister.

Conditions of remitting sentences. 6 of 1999.

42. Every prisoner sentenced to a term of imprisonment, whether by one sentence or by consecutive sentences, for a period exceeding one month, who does not qualify for parole under the parole system established under Part VI of these Rules, shall by good conduct and industry, become eligible for discharge when a portion of his sentence not exceeding one third of the whole sentence has yet to run:

Provided that the remission granted shall not result in a prisoner being released before he has served at least one calendar month.

Extra remission. 6 of 1999.

43. Extra remission of sentences for prisoners referred to in Rule 42 above may be granted by the Minister on the recommendation of the Superintendent

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for any special service.

Forfeiture of remission. 6 of 1999.

44. Every prisoner eligible for remission of sentence under Rule 42 above who escapes or attempts to escape form prison, or while proceeding to or from prison, or whilst at work outside the prison, shall, without prejudice to any other punishment which may be awarded for this offence, not be granted any remission in respect of that portion of the sentence already served by him, but may be granted remission on the remaining portion of sentence.

Superintendent to deal with report.

45. No report against a prisoner shall be dealt with by any officer except the Superintendent or an officer who by virtue of Rule 179 of these Rules has authority to deal with such reports.

Seperation of prisoner under report.

46. When a prisoner has been reported for an offence the Superintendent may order him to be kept apart from other prisoners pending adjudication.

Information to reported prisoner.

47. A prisoner shall, before a report against him is dealt with, be informed of the offence for which he has been reported and shall be given a proper opportunity of hearing the facts alleged against him and of presenting his case.

Unauthorised articles.

48. The Superintendent may deprive a prisoner of any unauthorised article found in his cell or in his possession.

Offences.

49. A prisoner shall be guilty of an offence against prison discipline if he-

(a) disobeys any order of the Superintendent, or of any other officer, or any prison rule;

(b) treats with disrespect any officer or any person authorised to visit the prison, or any person employed in connection with the prison;

(c) is idle, careless, or negligent at work, or refuses to work;

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(d) uses any abusive, insolent, threatening or other improper language;

(e) is indecent in language, act or gesture;

(f) commits any assault;

(g) communicates with another prisoner without authority;

(h) leaves his cell or place of work or other appointed place without permission;

(i) wilfully disfigures or damages any part of the prison or any property which is not his own

(j) commits any nuisance;

(k) has in his cell or possession any unauthorised article, or attempts to obtain such article;

(l) escapes from prison or lawful custody;

(m) gives to or receives from any person any unauthorised article;

(n) mutinies or incites other prisoners to mutiny;

(o) commits gross personal violence to an officer;

(p) commits gross personal violence to another prisoner;

(q) makes repeated and groundless complaints;

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(r) makes false and malicious allegations against an officer;

(s) in any way offends against good order and discipline;

(t) wilfully feigns or endeavours to cause illness or obstructs the cure of any illness for which he is receiving medical attention;

(u) refuses or neglects to use or apply medicines or remedies ordered by the Prison Medical Officer;

(v) makes a false charge against another prisoner or other person employed in the prison;

(w) attempts to do any of the foregoing things.

Investigation of offences and awards by Superintendent.

50. (1) Every offence against discipline shall be reported forthwith, and save as provided by rule 52 of these Rules the Superintendent shall investigate every report of such offence not later than the following day, unless that day is a Sunday or public holiday.

(2) If upon investigation the Superintendent considers that the offence is proved, he shall subject to the provisions of Rule 51 of these Rules, make one or more of the following awards –

(a) caution;

(b) [Repealed by S.I. 50 of 1998.]

(c) forfeiture or postponement of privileges for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days;

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(d) exclusion from associated work for a period not exceeding fourteen days;

(e) restricted diet No. 1 for a period not exceeding three days;

(f) restricted diet No. 2 for a period not exceeding fifteen days;

(g) cellular confinement for a period not exceeding three days;

(h) stoppage of earnings for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

Investigation of offences and awards by Visiting Justices.

51. (1) Where a prisoner is reported for any of the following offences namely –

(a) escaping or attempting to escape from prison or from legal custody;

(b) assault upon an officer; or

(c) gross personal violence to another prisoner,

the Superintendent shall unless upon investigating the report in accordance with Rule 50 of these Rules he is satisfied that it should be dismissed, refer the case to one or more Visiting Justices.

(2) Where a prisoner is reported for any other serious or repeated offence against discipline (not being an offence to which the next following rule applies) for which such awards as the Superintendent is authorised to make are in his opinion insufficient, the Superintendent may, after investigation, refer the case to the Visiting Justices.

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(3) The Visiting Justices shall inquire into every case referred to them under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this rule and, if they find the offence proved, shall make one or more of the following awards -

(a) caution;

(b) [Repealed by S.I. 50 of 1998.]

(c) forfeiture or postponement of privileges;

(d) exclusion from associated work for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days;

(e) restricted diet No. 1 for a period not exceeding fifteen days;

(f) restricted diet No. 2 for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days;

(g) cellular confinement for a period not exceeding fourteen days;

(h) stoppage of earnings for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days.

(4) The functions of the Visiting Justices under this rule shall be exercised by not less than two and not more than three Visiting Justices.

Especially grave offences.

52. (1) Where a prisoner is charged for one of the following offences, namely -

(a) mutiny or incitement to mutiny;

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(b) gross personal violence to any other person;

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(c) possession of a deadly weapon; 72 of 2000.

(d) unlawful escape from prison or other lawful custody, 72 of 2000.

the Superintendent shall forthwith summon a special meeting of not more than three nor less than two Visiting Justices to inquire into the charge.

(2) The Visiting Justices summoned as aforesaid shall inquire into the charge and for this purpose may take evidence on oath and if they find the offence proved, may make one or more of the following awards –

(a) [Repealed by S.I. 50 of 1998.]

(b) cellular confinement with restricted diet No.1 for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days.

(3) In the case of a male prisoner serving a sentence of imprisonment the Visiting Justices acting under this rule may, subject to the restrictions imposed by paragraph (4) of this rule, order corporal punishment in place of the award set out in subparagraph *(b)* of paragraph (2) of this rule but such corporal punishment may be in addition to the award set out in subparagraph *(a)* of paragraph (2) of this rule.

(4) Where an order for the infliction of corporal punishment is made, the order shall specify the number of strokes and the instrument with which they are to be inflicted, shall be submitted to the Minister for confirmation, and shall be recorded in such manner as the Minister determines.

(5) The Visiting Justices may, when making an award for the infliction of corporal punishment, make such awards being awards set out in paragraph (2) of this rule as they consider ought properly to be made as alternative awards in the event of the Minister's refusing to confirm the order of the infliction of corporal punishment.

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Corporal punishment.

53. (1) All corporal punishment shall be attended by the Superintendent and the Medical Officer.

(2) The Medical Officer shall immediately before the punishment is inflicted examine the prisoner and satisfy himself that he is mentally and physically fit to undergo the punishment, and shall make such recommendations for preventing injury to the prisoner's health as he may deem necessary, and the Superintendent shall carry such recommendations into effect.

(3) At any time after the infliction of the punishment has begun the Medical Officer may, if he deems it necessary in order to prevent injury to the prisoner's health, recommend that no further punishment be inflicted, and the Superintendent shall thereupon remit the remainder of the punishment.

(4) The Superintendent shall enter in the corporal punishment book the number of lashes or strokes inflicted and any remission which he may have ordered.

(5) Every instrument used for the infliction of corporal punishment shall be of a pattern approved by the Minister.

Medical certificate and visits by Superintendent.

54. (1) Cellular confinement, corporal punishment, or restriction of diet shall in no case be awarded unless the Medical Officer has certified that the prisoner is in a fit condition of health to sustain it.

(2) Every prisoner undergoing cellular confinement or subjected to restricted diet No. 1 shall be visited at least once a day by the Superintendent and the Medical Officer, and if he is undergoing cellular confinement he shall be visited by an officer appointed for that purpose at intervals of not more than three hours during the day.

Remission and mitigation of award.

55. (1) A disciplinary award may be remitted or mitigated by the Minister.

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(2) A disciplinary award other than a caution may be determined or mitigated at any time during the currency thereof by the authority responsible for the award. 50 of 1998.

Return of corporal punishment.

56. (1) The Superintendent shall, in January of each year, submit to the Minister a return of all cases of corporal punishment inflicted at the prison which were awarded by the Court or for offences against prison discipline.

(2) Such return shall contain the following particulars -

(a) name of the prisoner;

(b) age of the prisoner;

(c) number of strokes awarded;

(d) instrument used;

(e) the offence for which the award was made;

(f) the legislative authority for the award;

(g) any remarks which the Superintendent may deem fit to make.

Mechanical restraint not to be used as punishment.

57. (1) Mechanical restraints shall not be used as a punishment or for any purpose other than safe custody during removal, except on medical grounds by direction of the Medical Officer, or in the circumstances and under the conditions stated in the following paragraphs of this rule.

(2) When it appears to the Superintendent that it is necessary to place a prisoner under mechanical restraint in order to prevent his injuring himself or others, or damaging property, or creating a disturbance, the Superintendent may order him to be placed under mechanical restraint, and notice thereof shall

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forthwith be given to a Visiting Justice and to the Medical Officer.

(3) The Medical Officer on receipt of the aforesaid notice shall forthwith inform the Superintendent whether he concurs in the order, and if on medical grounds he does not concur the Superintendent shall act in accordance with any recommendations which he makes.

(4) No prisoner shall be kept under mechanical restraint longer than is necessary, or for a longer period than twenty-four hours unless an order in writing from a Visiting Justice or from the Minister is given, specifying the cause thereof and the time during which the prisoner is to be so kept.

(5) The order shall be preserved by the Superintendent as his warrant.

(6) Particulars of every case of mechanical restraint shall be forthwith recorded by the Superintendent.

(7) No mechanical means of restraint shall be used except of such patterns and in such manner and under such conditions as may be approved by the Minister.

Temporary confinement.

58. The Superintendent may order any refractory or violent prisoner to be temporarily confined in a special cell, certified for the purpose in the same manner as cells to which Rule 10 of these Rules applies, but no prisoner shall be confined in such a cell as a punishment or after he has ceased to be refractory or violent.

Record of complaints.

59. (1) Arrangements shall be made that every request by a prisoner to see the Superintendent or a Visiting Justice, shall be recorded by the officer to whom it is made and conveyed without delay to the Superintendent.

(2) The Superintendent shall at a convenient hour on every day, other than Sundays and public holidays, hear the applications of all prisoners

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who have made a request to see him, and shall inform the next Visiting Justice who visits the prison of every request by a prisoner to see such Visiting Justice.

Petitions.

60. Permission shall be granted by the Superintendent to any prisoner who requests to petition the Governor-General:

Provided that -

(a) the prisoner is not at the time awaiting a reply to a previous petition;

(b) if the prisoner has submitted a petition previous to such request during the same sentence, a reasonable period has elapsed.

Superintendent to forward petitions.

61. The Superintendent shall forward any petition allowed a prisoner under the foregoing rule to the Minister together with any comments he deems necessary.

Prohibited articles generally.

62. (1) No person shall without authority convey into or throw into or deposit in a prison, or convey or throw out of a prison, or convey to a prisoner or deposit in any place with intent that it shall come into the possession of a prisoner any money, clothing, food, drink, tobacco, letter, paper, book, tool or other articles whatever. Anything so conveyed, thrown, or deposited may be confiscated by the Superintendent.

(2) Any prohibited articles found in the possession of a prisoner may be confiscated by the Superintendent.

Drink and tobacco.

63. (1) No prisoner shall be given or allowed to have intoxicating liquor except in pursuance of a written order of the Medical Officer specifying the quantity to be given and the name of the prisoner for whose use it is intended.

(2) No prisoner shall be allowed to smoke or have in his possession any tobacco except in accordance with such orders as may be given by the

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Superintendent with the approval of the Minister.

Articles not to be kept in cells.

64. No prisoner shall be allowed to have in his cell any tools, implements, ropes, or materials of any kind.

General restrictions.

65. (1) All persons and vehicles entering or leaving the prison may be examined and searched.

(2) A person suspected of bringing any prohibited article into the prison, or carrying out a prohibited article or any property belonging to the prison, or while in a prison of being in possession of any property belonging to the prison, shall be stopped and immediate notice thereof shall be given to the Superintendent, who may order that he shall be examined and searched.

(3) The Superintendent may refuse admission to the prison of a person who is not willing to be examined and searched.

(4) The Superintendent may direct the removal from the prison of a person, who, while in the prison, is not willing to be examined and searched or whose conduct is improper.

(5) The Superintendent may refuse admission to the prison of any person who is known to be of loose or immoral character or to any ex-prisoner.

General requirements.

66. Every convicted prisoner shall be employed on useful work for not more than ten hours a day of which so far as practicable at least eight hours shall be spent in associated or other work outside the cells:

Provided that the Medical Officer may excuse a prisoner from work on medical grounds and no prisoner shall be set to any work unless he has been certified as fit for that type of work by the Medical Officer.

Sunday work.

67. Arrangements shall be made for avoiding all unnecessary work by prisoners of the Christian religion on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday,

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and by prisoners recorded as belonging to other religions on their recognised days of religious observance.

Payment.

68. Prisoners may receive payment for work in accordance with rates approved by the Minister.

Unauthorised work.

69. (1) No prisoner shall be set to any type of work not authorised by the Superintendent.

(2) Except with the authority of the Superintendent no prisoner shall work in the service of another prisoner or of an officer or of a government department other than the prison.

(3) Except with the authority of the Minister no prisoner shall work for the private benefit of any person.

RELIGION, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Recording of denomination.

70. The religious denomination of every prisoner shall be ascertained and recorded on his reception and he shall be treated as a member of the denomination then recorded unless and until he satisfies the Visiting Justice that he has good grounds for desiring the record to be altered.

Prison chaplains.

71. (1) The prison shall have the regular services as chaplains of one or more clergymen of each of the following denominations:-

(a) Roman Catholic;

(b) Church of England;

(c) Non Conformists, that is to say, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians;

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(d) Salvation Army.

(2) Arrangements may also be made for visits and ministrations of ministers of other denominations.

Visits by special Ministers.

72. Where a prisoner is recorded as belonging to a religious denomination for which no Prison Chaplain has been appointed to the prison, the Superintendent shall if the prisoner so requests arrange for him, as far as possible, to be visited by a Minister of that denomination, and every such prisoner shall be informed of this rule on reception.

Chaplains and Ministers to hold services.

73. (1) The chaplains shall conduct Divine Service for prisoners of their denomination at least once weekly, and on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and such celebrations of Holy Communion as may be arranged.

(2) Divine Service for prisoners of denominations other than those mentioned in Rule 71 of these Rules may be held at such times as may be arranged if there is a sufficient number of prisoners of that denomination to attend.

Prisoners to attend Divine Service.

74. (1) Every prisoner shall attend Divine Service of his denomination whenever such service is held at the prison, unless he is specially excused by the Superintendent, or prevented by illness.

(2) No prisoner may attend the religious service of a denomination to which he does not belong without the permission of the Superintendent.

Visits by chaplains.

75. Every prisoner shall so far as practicable be regularly visited at proper and reasonable times by the chaplain of his denomination.

Religious books.

76. There shall so far as practicable be available for the personal use of every prisoner such of the Scriptures and books of religious observance and instruction recognised for his denomination as are accepted by the Minister for use in prisons.

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Interviews, visits to sick.

77. (1) Every chaplain shall –

(a) see every prisoner recorded as belonging to that minister's denomination as the case may be, as soon as possible after the prisoner's reception, a short time before his discharge and from time to time as often as practicable during his imprisonment, and

(b) if no other arrangements are made, read the burial service at the funeral of such a prisoner dying in the prison.

(2) Every chaplain shall visit prisoners recorded as belonging to that minister's denomination who are-

(a) sick;

(b) undergoing cellular confinement; or

(c) on a capital charge or under sentence of death.

Substitute for chaplain.

78. A prison chaplain may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a substitute to act for him in his absence.

Chaplains to conform to Prison Rules.

79. Every chaplain or his substitute shall conform to the Prison Rules. He shall not convey messages, letters or information to or from prisoners and their friends or relatives, nor give information to persons outside nor make public any matter that may come to their knowledge or notice in respect of the security or discipline of prisoners.

Education classes.

80. (1) Arrangements shall be made for holding education classes whenever practicable, and reasonable facilities, under such conditions as the Minister determines, shall be allowed to prisoners who wish in their leisure time to improve their education by private study, or to practice handicrafts.

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(2) Special attention shall be paid to the education of illiterate prisoners, if necessary within the hours normally allotted to work.

(3) Every prisoner able to profit by the educational facilities provided shall be encouraged to do so.

Library.

81. A library shall be provided in every prison, and subject to such conditions as the Minister determines every prisoner shall be allowed to have library books and to exchange them as often as practicable.

Books from outside.

82. Prisoners may receive books or periodicals from outside the prison under such conditions as the Superintendent determines.

Family relationship.

83. (1) So far as possible, attention shall be paid to the maintenance of such relations between a prisoner and his family as are desirable in the interests of both.

(2) So far as is practicable and in the opinion of the Superintendent desirable, a prisoner shall be encouraged and assisted to maintain or establish such relations with persons or agencies outside the prison as may promote the best interests of his family or the social rehabilitation of the prisoner.

(3) The Superintendent may at any time communicate to a prisoner, or to his family or friends, any matter of importance to such prisoner.

Information of transfer.

84. A prisoner shall be allowed to inform his family of his transfer to another prison.

After care, etc.

85. Consideration shall be given in consultation with the appropriate Aid Society or After Care agency to the future of the prisoner and the assistance to be given to him on and after his discharge.

Information to family.

86. Upon the death or serious illness, or certification as insane or mentally defective, of a prisoner, or the sustaining by a prisoner of a serious accident,

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the Superintendent, if the prisoner is married to a person whose address is known, shall at once inform the wife or husband as the case may be, and otherwise shall at once inform the nearest relative whose address is known, and shall in any event inform any other person whom the prisoner has requested may be so informed.

Normal minimum provisions.

87. (1) Every prisoner shall be allowed to write and receive a letter on reception and thereafter once in four weeks, to receive a visit once in four weeks if he is in the Young Prisoners' or Junior Prisoners' or Star Class, and to receive a visit once in eight weeks if he is in the Ordinary Class.

(2) The letters and visits to which a prisoner is entitled under the foregoing paragraph of this rule shall not be liable to forfeiture under Rules 50 and 51 of these Rules.

(3) Not more than three persons shall be allowed to visit a prisoner at any one time.

(4) Visits shall be of thirty minutes duration unless, in any case, the Superintendent should, in his discretion, grant an extension of this period.

(5) Visits shall take place between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Letters and visits generally.

88. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of rule 86 of these Rules the Minister notwithstanding any provision of this and the nine following rules or of any special rule, may impose such restrictions upon and supervision over letters and visits as he considers necessary for securing discipline and good order, for the prevention of crime and criminal associations, and for the welfare of individuals.

(2) Except as provided in these Rules, no person shall be allowed to communicate with a prisoner without special authority.

(3) Every letter to or from a prisoner shall (except as hereafter

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provided in these Rules in the case of certain communications to a legal adviser) be read, by the Superintendent or by a responsible officer deputed by him for the purpose, and it shall be within the discretion of the Superintendent to stop any letter on the ground that its contents are objectionable or that it is of inordinate length.

No Saturday or private visits.

89. Visits to a prisoner shall not except in an emergency take place on Saturday and, except as hereinafter provided in these Rules, in the case of a legal adviser or certain medical advisers, shall be in the sight and, unless otherwise allowed by the Superintendent, hearing of a prison officer:

Provided that the Minister may allow exceptions from this rule either generally or as applied to particular prisons.

Deferment in case of cellular confinement.

90. When a prisoner who becomes entitled to a letter or visit under any provisions of these Rules is at any time undergoing confinement, the letter or visit may in the Superintendent's discretion be deferred until such confinement has expired.

Additional letters or visits as privilege.

91. The Superintendent may allow such additional letters or visits as he determines as a privilege for any class of prisoners.

Letter instead of visit.

92. The Superintendent may allow a prisoner who is entitled to a visit to write a letter and receive a reply instead of such a visit.

Discretionary letters and visits.

93. A prisoner may be allowed, at the discretion of the Superintendent to have special letters and visits for any purpose which in the opinion of the Superintendent is likely to promote the best interests of the prisoner or his family either during his sentence or after discharge.

Visit by police.

94. An officer of police may visit any prisoner who is willing to see him on production of an order issued by and on behalf of the appropriate chief officer of police, and such visit shall be additional to those allowed under the foregoing rules.

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Persons imprisoned in default of payment.

95. A person committed to prison in default of the payment of a sum which he is required to pay shall be allowed to have an interview with his friends on any week day at any reasonable hour, or to communicate by letter with them for the purpose of providing for a payment which would procure his release from prison and every such prisoner shall on his reception be informed of this rule.

Visits by legal advisers.

96. (1) Reasonable facilities shall be allowed for the legal adviser of a prisoner who is party to legal proceedings, civil or criminal, to interview the prisoner with reference to those proceedings in the sight but not in the hearing of an officer.

(2) The legal adviser of a prisoner may, with the permission of the Minister, interview the prisoner with reference to any other legal business in the sight and hearing of an officer.

Special purpose visits not to be forfeited.

97. The visits for special purposes to which the last two foregoing rules refer shall be additional to the visits allowed under any other of the foregoing rules, and shall not be liable to forfeiture under Rules 50 and 51 of these Rules.

PHYSICAL WELFARE

Hospital accommodation.

98. A suitable part of the prison may be equipped and furnished in a manner proper for the medical care and treatment of sick prisoners and staffed by suitably trained officers.

Medical Officer; general duties.

99. The Medical Officer shall have the care of the mental and physical health of the prisoners and shall every day see every sick prisoner, every prisoner who complains of illness, undergoing dietary punishment, solitary confinement, awaiting execution, under medical observation, and every other prisoner to whom attention is specially directed.

Medical records.

100. (1) The Medical Officer shall keep the following records:-

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(a) Medical Officer's Journal;

(b) Prisoners' Medical Treatment Book;

(c) Prisoners' Medical History Cards;

(d) Medical Officer's Statistics Book;

(e) Prison Officer's Medical Treatment Book.

(2) The forms of these records shall be settled by the Medical Officer from time to time with the approval of the Superintendent, subject always to revision by the Minister.

(3) The Medical Officer shall record in the Medical Officer's journal all reports which these Rules require him to make to the Superintendent.

Immediate attendance and consultation.

101. (1) The Medical Officer shall attend as soon as possible on receiving information of the illness of a prisoner.

(2) The Medical Officer may at his discretion call into consultation another medical practitioner and shall do so before a serious operation is performed upon a prisoner, unless in his opinion it is essential for the operation to be performed immediately.

(3) The Medical Officer shall record in the Medical Journal occasions on which in accordance with this rule he consults another medical practitioner, and of the circumstances in which serious operations are performed without consultation.

Duty to report.

102. The Medical Officer shall report simultaneously to the Superintendent and to the Chief Medical Officer any matters which appear to him to require the consideration of the Minister on medical grounds, and the Superintendent shall send such report to the Minister.

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Report on danger to health.

103. Whenever the Medical Officer has reason to believe that a prisoner's mental or physical health is likely to be injuriously affected by continued imprisonment or by any conditions of imprisonment, or that the life of the prisoner will be endangered by imprisonment, or that a sick prisoner will not survive his sentence or is totally or permanently unfit for imprisonment, he shall without delay report the case in writing to the Superintendent and to the Chief Medical Officer with such recommendations as he thinks fit, and the Superintendent shall forward such report and recommendations to the Minister forthwith.

Recommendation on diet.

104. (1) The Medical Officer shall report in writing to the Superintendent the case of any prisoner to which he thinks it necessary on medical grounds to draw attention, and shall make such recommendations as he deems needful for the alteration of the diet or treatment of the prisoner or for his separation from other prisoners, or for the supply to him of additional clothing, bedding, or other articles.

(2) The Superintendent shall, subject to such reference to the Chief Medical Officer, or the Minister as he may think fit, carry such recommendations into effect as far as practicable.

Suicidal prisoners.

105. The Medical Officer shall draw the attention of the Superintendent to any prisoner whom he may have reason to think has suicidal intentions in order that special observation may be kept on such a prisoner, and the Superintendent shall, without delay, direct that such prisoner be observed at frequent intervals.

Medical illness.

106. The Medical Officer shall keep under special observation every prisoner whose mental condition appears to require it, and shall take such steps as he considers proper for his segregation, and if necessary his certification under the laws of Belize relating to lunacy and mental deficiency.

Serious illness of prisoner.

107. The Medical Officer shall give notice to the Superintendent when a prisoner appears to be dangerously ill.

Inspections.

108. (1) The Medical Officer shall once monthly inspect every part of

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the prison and shall advise the Superintendent upon the hygiene of the prison and the prisoners, including arrangements for cleanliness, sanitation, lighting and ventilation.

(2) The Medical Officer shall frequently inspect the food, cooked and uncooked, provided for prisoners and shall report to the Superintendent on the state and quality of the food and on any deficiency in the quantity or defect in the quality of the water.

Medical attendance for officers.

109. (1) The Medical Officer shall examine any candidate for employment as a prison officer and report on his mental and physical fitness for such employment.

(2) The Medical Officer shall attend to and prescribe for all sick officers of the prison. Such attendance and prescription shall be free of charge.

(3) The Medical Officer shall examine all officers who have been sick and report on their fitness to resume duty.

(4) The Medical Officer shall, at any time at the request of the Superintendent, report on the state of health of any officer.

Inability to attend at the prison.

110. The Medical Officer shall, whenever he is unable to attend to his duties through illness or any other cause, make an early report to the Superintendent.

Annual medical report.

111. (1) The Medical Officer shall submit to the Superintendent not later than the 31st January of each year, a medical report on the past year dealing with the general state of health of the prisoners, the diet and sanitary conditions of the prison as a whole.

(2) The report shall contain statistics on the number of prisoners examined for different causes, number sent to hospital, number of deaths among prisoners, and a classification of the diseases most prevalent among the prisoners, and the number of prison officers treated.

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Report on prisoners under capital charge.

112. (1) A prisoner charged with a capital offence shall be kept under special observation by the Medical Officer.

(2) The Medical Officer shall keep a written record of the physical and mental condition of the prisoner during the period of special observation.

(3) The Medical Officer may, if he thinks necessary apply to the Director of Public Prosecutions for a copy of the depositions taken before the Magistrate in order to assist the Medical Officer to form an opinion as to the mental condition of the prisoner.

(4) The Medical Officer shall on no account disclose to any person the contents of the depositions.

(5) The Medical Officer shall, through the Superintendent of Prison, submit a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions on the mental condition of the prisoner not later than three days before the date of the prisoner's trial.

(6) This report shall state -

(a) whether the prisoner is fit to stand his trial or not;

(b) whether from symptoms exhibited while the prisoner was under observation it is clear that the prisoner is insane;

(c) whether the Medical Officer is of the opinion that insanity existed for some time before the offence was committed by the prisoner;

(d) whether there is a distinct history of periodical attacks of insanity followed by intervals of mental clearness, and

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(e) whether or not the prisoner has been enjoying a lucid interval while under observation.

Washing, shaving and hair cutting.

113. (1) Arrangements shall be made for every prisoner to wash or bathe daily at all proper times and for men (unless excused or prohibited on medical grounds) to shave or be shaved as often as possible and to have their hair cut as may be required.

(2) The hair of a male prisoner may be cut as short as is necessary for good appearance but the hair of a female prisoner shall not be cut without her consent except by direction of the Medical Officer for the eradication of vermin, dirt or disease, which direction shall be recorded in the medical journal.

(3) Every prisoner shall obey such regulations and orders as may from time to time be issued by the Superintendent under this rule.

Toilet articles.

114. Every prisoner shall be provided on admission with necessary toilet articles for cleaning his teeth and person, and arrangements shall be made for the replacement of these articles when necessary.

Cleaning of cells or dormitories.

115. Every prisoner shall keep his cell, utensils, books, clothing and bedding and other articles issued to him clean and neatly arranged.

Exercise to be regular.

116. (1) Prisoners who are not engaged in out-door work shall be given one hour's exercise in the open air, weather permitting:

Provided that in special circumstances the Minister may authorise the reduction of the daily period to half an hour.

(2) Whenever practicable prisoners of suitable age and physical condition shall receive physical training under qualified instructors during some part of the daily exercise period.

(3) The Medical Officer shall decide on the fitness of every

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prisoner for exercise and to undergo physical training and may on medical grounds modify the exercise of a prisoner or excuse a prisoner from exercise.

Quality of food.

117. The food provided for prisoners shall be of a nutritional value and of wholesome quality, well prepared and varied in accordance with the Dietary Scale set out in the First Schedule to these Rules.

First Schedule.

No private food.

118. Except as determined by the Minister, or on medical grounds, no prisoner shall be allowed to have any food other than the normal prison diet.

Quantity of food.

119. Except as provided under Rules 50 to 52 of these Rules for an offence against discipline, or on the written recommendation of the Medical Officer in the case of a prisoner who persistently wastes his food, or on medical grounds by the direction of the Medical Officer, no prisoner shall have less food than is provided in the normal diet.

Complaints as to diet.

120. (1) A prisoner who has any complaint to make regarding his meal, or who wishes it to be weighed to ascertain whether it contains the prescribed amount shall make his request as soon as possible after he has received the meal, and it shall be weighed in the presence of the prisoner and of the prison officer deputed for that purpose.

(2) Where a prisoner makes repeated and groundless complaints of this nature, he shall be liable to be reported for breach of discipline.

Prison clothing.

121. (1) Every convicted prisoner shall be provided with an outfit of clothing as stated below for day use and a sleeping outfit, and shall wear such clothing and no other.

(2) The outfit shall consist of:-

(a) For men-one shirt, one handkerchief, one trouser, one hat, one pair of footwear, one set underclothes.

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(b) For women-one dress, one handkerchief, one pair footwear, one combination underclothes.

(c) For both-night attire.

Additional clothing.

122. Additional clothing or footwear shall be supplied for health reasons on the recommendation of the Medical Officer.

Protective clothing.

123. The clothing shall, where necessary, include suitable protective clothing for use at work.

Private clothing.

124. Every prisoner attending court shall be allowed to wear his private clothes.

Monthly weight.

125. Every prisoner shall, on reception, once monthly and on discharge, be weighed in ordinary prison dress without hat or footwear. His weight shall be recorded on every occasion on which the prisoner is weighed, and such record shall be inspected monthly by the Superintendent and the Medical Officer.

PART III
SPECIAL RULES FOR PARTICULAR CLASSES OF PRISONERS

Untried Prisoners

Application of Rules.

126. The seventeen following rules apply to persons, therein called "untried prisoners", committed to prison in any of the following circumstances –

(a) on commitment for trial for an indictable offence;

(b) pending or in the course of hearing before a court of summary jurisdiction of a charge for an indictable offence, or pending or in the course of hearing of an information or complaint;

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(c) on commitment to await the hearing of an appeal;

(d) on commitment to await extradition.

Separation.

127. Untried prisoners shall so far as possible be kept apart from convicted prisoners.

Association.

128. Restriction on the association of untried prisoners shall be limited to what is necessary to prevent contamination or conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice.

Food.

129. An untried prisoner may be supplied with meals at his own expense or at the expense of friends subject to such conditions as the Superintendent may determine.

Clothing.

130. (1) An untried prisoner may wear his own clothing, and have necessary changes of his own underclothing supplied from time to time:

Provided that -

(a) the clothing is sufficient and suitable;

(b) it is not required for the purpose of justice; and

(c) it shall be disinfected if the Medical Officer so requires.

(2) An untried prisoner who does not wear his own clothing may be required to wear prison dress.

(3) The privilege of wearing his own clothing may under Rules 50 and 51 of these Rules, be forfeited by an untried prisoner for the offence, under Rule 49, of escaping or attempting to escape.

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Hair cutting and shaving.

131. An untried prisoner shall not be required to have his hair cut, or, if he usually wears a beard, to shave or be shaved, unless the Medical Officer deems it necessary for purposes of health or cleanliness, and his hair shall not be cut closer than is necessary for those purposes.

Private medical attendant.

132. If an untried prisoner desires the attendance of a registered medical practitioner or dentist and is able and willing to defray any expense thereby incurred, the Minister may, if he is satisfied that there is reasonable ground for the application, allow him to be visited and treated by that practitioner or dentist in consultation with the Medical Officer.

Cell cleaning and personal hygiene.

133. An untried prisoner shall keep his cell, bedding and utensils clean, and shall perform all necessary tasks for the maintenance his personal hygiene and cleanliness.

Private property.

134. The Superintendent may, on application of an untried prisoner allow him, so far as is consistent with discipline and the good order of the prison, to have in his room or cell any articles which were in his possession at the time of his arrest and are not required for purposes of justice or reasonably suspected of forming part of property improperly acquired by him.

Supply of books.

135. (1) An untried prisoner may have supplied to him at his own expense books, newspapers, writing materials or other means of occupation except such as appear objectionable to the Superintendent.

(2) The privilege allowed by this rule may at any time be withdrawn by the Superintendent, the Minister or the Visiting Justice on proof of an abuse thereof.

Work not compulsory.

136. An untried prisoner shall not be required to work in the service or industries of the prison, but shall be offered the option of doing so.

Visits generally.

137. An untried prisoner may be visited once daily at the following hours:-

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(a) Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. by his legal adviser. Such visit shall be in the sight but not in the hearing of an officer.

(b) Other visitors once daily between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Such visits shall be in the sight and hearing of a Prison Officer.

Prisoners in default of bail.

138. Where an untried prisoner is in prison in default of bail, facilities shall be given to him, for the purpose of providing bail, to have an interview on any weekday at a reasonable hour, or to communicate with friends.

Private medical adviser.

139. An untried prisoner may for the purposes of his defence receive a visit from a registered medical practitioner selected by him or by his friends or legal adviser, under the same conditions as apply to a visit by his legal adviser.

Letters and other facilities for defence.

140. (1) An untried prisoner shall be allowed all reasonable facilities, including the provision of writing materials, for communication by letter with his friends or for conducting correspondence or preparing notes in connection with his defence.

(2) A confidential written communication for the legal adviser of an untried prisoner may be delivered personally to such legal adviser, and shall not be treated as a letter to which paragraph (3) of Rule 87 of these Rules applies, unless the Superintendent has reason to suppose that it contains matter not relating to such instruction.

Forfeiture of privileges.

141. The privileges allowed to untried prisoners under Rules 129, 135, 137 and 140 of these Rules shall be liable to forfeiture under Rules 50 and 51 of these Rules:

Provided that such forfeiture shall not affect visits or letters required for the purpose of securing bail or preparing a defence.

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Sale of articles.

142. The sale or transfer or attempted sale or transfer to any person by an untried prisoner of any article allowed to be introduced into the prison for his use shall be an offence under Rule 49 of these Rules and upon proof of the offence Rule 48 shall apply as it applies to an unauthorised article.

Subject to general rules.

143. Untried prisoners shall be subject to the general rules for prisoners, except in so far as the general rules are inconsistent with Rules 126 - 142 of these Rules.

Appellants

Application of Rules 145 to 148. Cap. 82.

144. The four following rules apply to prisoners who are appellants within the meaning of Rules of Court made under the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (hereinafter called "appellants") but their application to prisoners who are under sentence of death shall be subject to the special rules applying to those prisoners.

Appellants absent from prison.

145. (1) An appellant who, when in custody, is to be taken to, kept in custody at, or brought back from, any place at which he is entitled to be present for the purpose of his appeal, or any place to which the appeal court or any judge thereof may order him to be taken for the purpose of any proceedings of that court, shall, while absent from prison, be kept in the custody of the officer designated in that behalf by the Superintendent of the prison.

(2) An appellant when absent from prison under this rule shall wear his own clothing, or if his own clothes cannot be used, clothing different from prison dress.

Private medical adviser.

146. An appellant may for the purposes of his appeal receive a visit from a registered medical practitioner selected by him or by his friends or legal adviser, under the same conditions as apply to a visit by his legal adviser.

Other visitors.

147. An appellant may for the purpose of his appeal receive a visit from any other person.

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148. (1) Writing materials to such extent as the Superintendent considers reasonable shall be furnished to an appellant who requires them for the purpose of preparing his appeal. Letters and other facilities for appeal.

(2) An appellant may write letters to his legal adviser or other persons for the purpose of his appeal.

(3) A confidential written communication prepared as instructions for the legal adviser of an appellant may be delivered personally to such legal adviser, and shall not be treated as a letter to which paragraph (3) of Rule 87 of these Rules applies, unless the Superintendent has reason to suppose that it contains matter not relating to such instructions.

Convicted Prisoners awaiting Sentence or Remanded

149. A convicted prisoner awaiting sentence or remanded for enquiry shall if he so desires, for the purpose of preparing any representations to the court before which he is to appear to be sentenced or otherwise dealt with, be granted any or all of the facilities which are accorded to appellants under Rules 144 - 148 of these Rules. Facilities.

Junior Prisoners and Young Prisoners

150. (1) Junior Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment shall be kept separated from all other prisoners. The Superintendent shall report to the Minister full particulars of the reception of any prisoner believed to be under the age of sixteen forwarding the commitment and stating the age and previous convictions as far as known, with a view to the prisoner being disposed of as may appear advisable. Junior prisoners.

(2) In order to secure the more complete separation of young prisoners from other classes, the Minister may remove young prisoners to such prisons or parts of prisons as under paragraph (2) of Rule 5 of these Rules is set aside for the training of young prisoners, hereinafter referred to as young Young prisoners centres.

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prisoners' centres.

(3) In all young prisoners' centres, and so far as practicable in prisons which are not young prisoners' centres, special provision shall be made for the education and for the moral, physical and industrial training of the prisoners.

Prisoners under Sentence of Death

Search.

151. A prisoner under sentence of death shall immediately on his reception be specially searched and every article shall be taken from him which the Superintendent deems it dangerous or inexpedient to leave in his possession.

Seperation and supervision.

152. (1) A prisoner under sentence of death shall be confined in a separate cell and shall be kept apart from all other prisoners.

(2) He shall be kept by day and by night in the constant charge of a prison officer.

(3) He shall not be subject to the requirements of Rule 65 of these Rules on the subject of work.

Visits.

153. (1) The relations and friends of a prisoner under sentence of death may visit him on any afternoon between the hours of 2 p. m. and 3 p. m.:

Provided that the Superintendent is satisfied as to their *bonafides* and as to the prisoner's wish to see them:

And provided further that the number of such relations and friends permitted to see such prisoner on any one afternoon does not exceed ten.

(2) The legal adviser to the prisoner shall have free access to him.

(3) The Chaplain or a minister of the prisoner's own denomination

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shall have free access to him.

(4) No other person, except a Visiting Justice and an officer, shall have access to the prisoner except by permission of the Superintendent.

(5) All visits to the prisoner shall take place in the sight and hearing of an officer notwithstanding that such visit is by the prisoner's legal adviser or in relation to an appeal.

(6) The prisoner shall be allowed special facilities to correspond with his legal advisers, his relations and friends.

Food.

154. A prisoner under sentence of death shall be allowed only such articles of food and drink, and amount of exercise as the Medical Officer may in writing recommend.

Procedure for executions.

155. The Superintendent of Prisons shall see to the construction of a proper scaffold, and make all arrangements for the carrying out of the execution.

Attendance at executions.

156. (1) The following persons shall attend executions-

(a) the executioner appointed by the Minister;

(b) the Superintendent of Prisons;

(c) the Visiting Justice;

(d) the Chaplain or minister of the prisoner's religion;

(e) the Medical Officer; and

(f) such prison officers as are detailed by the Superintendent.

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(2) During the preparation for, and carrying out of an execution, no person shall enter or be admitted into the prison except persons mentioned in paragraph (1) of this rule.

Body-How dealt with.

157. The body of an executed prisoner shall, after execution, remain hanging for one hour, after which time it shall be taken down and dealt with as the Minister may direct.

Certificate of death.

158. (1) The Medical Officer shall ascertain and certify in writing, the cause of death and shall forthwith deliver his certificate in duplicate to the Superintendent of Prisons.

(2) The Superintendent, the minister of religion, the Visiting Justice and the Senior Prison Officer present at the execution shall sign a declaration as required by the Indictable Procedure Act that judgment of death has been executed.

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(3) The Superintendent of Prisons shall forward the Medical Officer's certificate and the declaration referred to in this rule to the Minister.

Publication of certificate.

159. As early as possible after the execution, the signed duplicate of the certificate and declaration shall be exhibited for twenty-four hours on or near the main entrance of the prison.

Civil Prisoners

Application of Rules 161 to 165.

160. The four following rules apply to civil prisoners, that is to say persons detained in a prison for default in payment of a civil debt, persons committed for non-payment under various orders of the court, persons committed for contempt of court, and aliens committed for deportation or otherwise.

Association and separation.

161. (1) Civil prisoners may associate among themselves at such times and in such manner as the Superintendent determines.

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(2) They shall not be allowed to associate with other than civil prisoners except as provided by paragraph (3) of this rule.

(3) Where owing to the small numbers of civil prisoners or otherwise suitable arrangements for association of such prisoners cannot be made, such a prisoner may, if he so desires, with the approval of the Superintendent, be allowed to associate with prisoners of the star class at such times and in such manner as the Superintendent determines.

Clothing.

162. (1) A civil prisoner may, if he so desires, wear his own clothing and have necessary changes of his own underclothing supplied from time to time:

Provided that –

(a) the clothing is sufficient and suitable; and

(b) it shall be disinfected if the Medical Officer so requires.

(2) A civil prisoner who does not wear his own clothing may be required to wear prison dress.

(3) The privilege of wearing his own clothing may under rules 50 and 51 of these Rules be forfeited by a civil prisoner for the offence, under rule 49, of escaping or attempting to escape.

163. [Repealed by S.I. 50 of 1998.]

Visits and letters.

164. (1) A civil prisoner may be visited during such hours and under such restrictions as the Superintendent determines and may write one letter and receive one letter in each week:

Provided that the Superintendent or the Visiting Justices may, in special

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case for special reasons, allow additional letters to such reasonable extent as they deem advisable.

(2) These privileges shall be liable to forfeiture under Rules 50 and 51 of these Rules provided that notwithstanding such forfeiture the writing or receiving of one letter and the receiving of one visit in four weeks shall be allowed.

Gracie Rock Prison Farm

Selecting of prisoners.

165. Prisoners selected for special training at the Gracie Rock Prison Farm shall be, as far as possible, of the Star Class according to Rule 7 (4) of these Rules and of the Young Prisoners Class according to Rule 7 (3) of these Rules.

PART IV
STAFF

The Superintendent

Responsible to the Minister.

166. The Superintendent shall be responsible to the Minister for the general control and management of the prisons in Belize.

Enforcement of Prison Rules.

167. The Superintendent shall strictly conform to the provision of these Rules and of all the laws relating to the prisons, and shall ensure that these Rules and all orders and instructions from time to time issued for the good management of the prison and the guidance of the prison staff are strictly obeyed by the members of the prison staff.

Inspections and visits.

168. (1) The Superintendent shall inspect every part of the men's prison at least once daily, and shall, in like manner, inspect the women's prison at least twice weekly.

(2) The Superintendent shall at least twice fortnightly, visit the men's prison at an uncertain hour of the night, and shall record such visits in his

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journal.

(3) The Superintendent shall visit daily all prisoners undergoing cellular confinement and all prisoners awaiting sentence of death.

(4) The Superintendent shall frequently visit prisoners at work both inside and outside the prison, and shall inspect the work performed by the prisoners to satisfy himself that every prisoner at work is working diligently and that discipline is being maintained.

(5) The Superintendent shall frequently inspect the food, clothing and bedding of prisoners, and see that they are satisfactory in quantity and quality according to the requirements of these Rules.

Employment of prisoners.

169. The Superintendent shall ensure that all convicted prisoners are regularly worked in accordance with the rules for employment of prisoners, unless such prisoners are exempted by the Medical Officer. He shall also provide suitable employment for unconvicted prisoners who desire to work.

Medical certificate for punishment of prisoner.

170. The Superintendent shall take care that no prisoner is subjected to any corporal, cellular, or dietary punishment unless the Medical Officer has certified that such prisoner is capable of under going such punishment.

Complaints of prisoners.

171. (1) The Superintendent shall at reasonable times hear the complaints of any prisoner, and, should he deem it necessary shall report the same to the Minister.

(2) All such complaints shall be entered in the prisoner's record.

Interview prisoners on reception and discharge.

172. The Superintendent shall interview all prisoners, as early as possible after their reception, and he shall again interview them prior to their discharge.

Journal.

173. The Superintendent shall be responsible for having a journal kept in which shall be recorded any important occurrences and such other matters as are by these Rules required to be recorded.

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To receive account of prisoners.

174. The Superintendent shall cause reports to be made to him accounting for all prisoners at the daily opening and closing of the prison and at such other times as he may deem necessary.

Examination of vehicles.

175. The Superintendent may order the examination of all vehicles which enter or leave the prison.

Responsibility to sick prisoners.

176. The Superintendent shall take steps to ensure that no case of mental or physical sickness or accident among the prisoners is left without proper medical care.

Training of subordinate officers.

177. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the general training of the subordinate officers of the prison in their daily duties.

To note jurors on coroner's enquiry.

178. If any member of the subordinate staff of the prison, or any prisoner or any person under contract to supply anything for the service of the prison, is summoned as a juror on any inquest held on the body of a prisoner who has died in the prison, the Superintendent shall bring such fact to the attention of the Coroner.

Performance of Superintendent's duties.

179. (1) The Superintendent may depute any officer to act in his stead in his absence, and that officer shall in the Superintendent's absence perform all the duties of the Superintendent.

(2) The Superintendent may delegate to an Assistant Superintendent or Chief Officer such duties as from time to time the Minister approves.

Visit district prisons.

180. The Superintendent shall visit the district prisons from time to time and shall report to the Chief Executive Officer the condition of each prison.

Returns.

181. The Superintendent shall make such returns as may be directed by the Minister from time to time.

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Report on danger of health prisoner..

182. Whenever the Superintendent is informed by the Medical Officer that the illness of a prisoner has endangered the life of the prisoner, the Superintendent shall so notify the minister of the religion to which the prisoner belongs.

183. [Repealed by S.I. 50 of 1998.]

General Rules for Officers

General obligations.

184. (1) Every officer shall conform to these Rules and to the Regulations of the prison and shall support the Superintendent in the maintenance thereof.

(2) Every officer shall obey the lawful instructions of the Superintendent.

(3) Every officer shall make an immediate report to the Superintendent of any abuses, impropriety, or breach of the Prison Rules which may come to his knowledge.

Business transactions.

185. (1) No officer shall without the authority of the Minister carry out any pecuniary or business transactions with or on behalf of a prisoner, or employ any prisoner on his private account.

(2) No officer shall without authority bring in or carry out, or attempt to bring in or carry out or knowingly allow to be brought in or carried out, to or for a prisoner, or deposit in any place with intent that it shall come into possession of a prisoner any article whatsoever.

Gratuities.

186. No officer shall receive any authorised fee, gratuity, or other consideration in connection with his duty.

Ex-prisoners.

187. No officer shall knowingly communicate with an ex-prisoner or with the friends or relatives of a prisoner, or ex-prisoner except with the permission of the Superintendent.

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Search if required.

188. Every officer shall submit himself to be searched in the prison if called upon to do so by the Superintendent.

Communications of press.

189. (1) No officer shall, directly or indirectly, make any unauthorised communication to representatives of the press or other persons in reference to matters which have become known to him in the course of his duty.

(2) No officer shall without authority publish any matters or make any public pronouncement relating to the administration or the inmates of any prison in Belize.

Quarters.

190. (1) Every officer shall occupy such quarters as may be assigned to him and shall at any time vacate them if required to do so.

(2) On the termination of an officer's service he shall give up the quarters he has occupied as soon as he is required to do so; and on the death of an officer his family shall give up the quarters when required to do so.

Visitors to officers.

191. No officer shall receive visitors in the prison without the permission of the Superintendent.

Political activities.

192. No officer shall -

(a) hold office in any political organisation;

(b) speak at public meetings on matters of political controversy;

(c) write letters to the press, broadcast, publish books or articles, or circulate leaflets, on political matters;

(d) canvass in support of political candidates.

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No interest in contracts for supplies.

193. No officer shall directly or indirectly have any interest in any contract or agreement for the supply of any goods to the prison.

Not to engage in other business.

194. No officer shall engage in any trade, business or industry without the consent of the Minister.

Not to quit his post.

195. No officer shall quit his post at any time unless he is relieved by another officer authorised to relieve him or unless he is specially ordered to do so by a senior officer.

Relief duty.

196. Every officer shall when being relieved of his duty check each prisoner under his charge with the relieving officer and shall make known to the relieving officer all matters of special importance connected with that duty.

Absence on account of illness.

197. Every officer who is unable to report for duty on account of illness shall give immediate notice of that fact to the Superintendent. Failure to make such a report shall cause his absence to be regarded as absence from duty without leave.

Report of infectious disease.

198. Every officer shall report to the Superintendent and to the Medical Officer the occurrence of any infectious disease in his family or in the house or place where he resides.

Legal proceedings.

199. Every officer against whom legal proceedings (civil or criminal) have been taken shall immediately inform the Superintendent of that fact.

Complaints and requests.

200. (1) Wrangling or disputing among officers on matters of duty or on private matters is strictly forbidden.

(2) An officer having any complaint or request to make in connection with his duties shall make such complaint or request to the Superintendent for his decision.

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(3) Any complaint by an officer against another shall be made in writing to the Superintendent and shall be delivered within twelve hours of the occurrence complained of.

Training and examinations.

201. (1) A curriculum for the training of officers in their duties shall be drawn up by the Superintendent as may be necessary from time to time, and subject to approval of the Minister.

(2) Officers shall undergo training in their duties and shall be required to pass efficiency examinations according to such prescribed curriculum mentioned in the above paragraph.

Award of certificates.

202. Arrangements may be made for the award of Efficiency Certificates to officers who pass such efficiency examinations.

Duties Towards Prisoners

Prisoner's complaints or requests etc.

203. Every officer shall inform the Superintendent of any prisoner who desires to see him or to make any complaint or prefer any request to him or to any other superior authority.

Report of misconduct.

204. Every officer shall make an immediate report of any misconduct or wilful breach of the Prison Rules by any prisoner.

Sick prisoners.

205. Every officer shall direct the attention of the Superintendent to any prisoner (whether he complains or not) who appears to be out of health or whose state of mind appears to be deserving of special notice and care, and the Superintendent shall without delay bring such cases to the notice of the Medical Officer.

Prisoner's work.

206. Every officer in charge of prisoners at work shall ensure that every prisoner under his charge does a satisfactory amount of work.

Precautions against escape.

207. No officer shall leave or cause to be left lying about the prison any

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ladders, planks, wheel-barrows, ropes, chains or any articles which can be used to facilitate a prisoner's escape.

Prisoner's character and habits.

208. Every officer shall observe the character and habits of every prisoner under his charge and shall report to the Superintendent any traits in the prisoner's character which, in the officer's opinion is likely to cause any breach of prison discipline.

Entering cell at night.

209. No subordinate officer shall on any account enter the cell of any prisoner at night unless accompanied by another officer, and then only in cases of illness or other emergency.

Not to inflict punishment.

210. No officer shall inflict any punishment or privation of any kind upon any prisoner unless so ordered by the Superintendent.

Use of weapons.

211. (1) No officer shall use or threaten to use any weapon against any prisoner except in case of -

(a) dangerous violence employed or threatened by such prisoner;

(b) attempt to escape.

(2) Where prison officers find it necessary to use their weapons they shall do so, as far as possible, in such a way as to disable and not to kill.

General Duties

Maintenance of discipline.

212. Every prison officer shall at all times maintain order and discipline among the prisoners.

Keys.

213. (1) Every prison officer shall be personally responsible for keys issued to him by the officers in charge of issuing keys.

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(2) No prison officer shall take any prison keys outside the prison gate, or leave keys lying about or in locks.

(3) Every prison officer who is in possession of prison keys shall, before he leaves the prison, deliver the keys to the Gate-keeper.

(4) Every prison officer who is suspended from duty shall immediately give up his keys.

Precautions against fire.

214. (1) Every prison officer shall take the utmost precautions against fire in and about the prison.

(2) In the event of fire occurring at the prison the procedure as laid out in the Third Schedule to these Rules shall be followed as closely as possible.

Responsibility for stores, tools.

215. Every officer in whose charge stores, tools or other Government property have been put shall be held responsible for the proper care of such stores, tools or other property, and shall be liable to pay for any such stores, tools or property which may be negligently lost or damaged or for any other damage to prison property which he may commit.

Uniforms

Issues.

216. All prison officers shall be issued with uniforms as provided in the Fourth Schedule to these Rules.

Wearing of uniforms.

217. (1) Every officer shall wear uniforms issued to him under these Rules.

(2) No officer shall wear civilian clothing together with his uniform.

Responsibility for uniform.

218. All articles of uniform supplied under these Rules shall remain the property of the Government. Every officer to whom uniform is issued under

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these Rules shall keep all such articles of uniform in proper repair and at his own expense.

Return of uniform.

219. Every prison officer who resigns, or is dismissed from the Prison Service shall return all articles of uniform and equipment issued to him. In default of so doing, the Superintendent, may, with the approval of the Minister, cause the value of the uniform to be deducted from salary due to the officer, or take such other steps to have the cost of the uniform paid by the officer.

The Matron

Responsibility for women's prison.

220. The Matron shall be under the immediate direction of the Superintendent and shall be responsible for the supervision of the women prisoners and general management of the women's prison.

Quarters, absence.

221. The Matron shall -

(a) reside in the quarters assigned to her;

(b) not permit anyone to reside in her quarters without prior permission of the Superintendent;

(c) not absent herself from the women's prison at any time without leave from the Superintendent.

Enforcement of Rules, discipline.

222. The Matron shall -

(a) make herself acquainted with the Prison Rules and shall enforce them so far as they apply to the women prisoners and any officers under her;

(b) be responsible to the Superintendent for the proper maintenance of discipline and the cleanliness and safe custody of all the women prisoners;

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(c) make an immediate report to the Superintendent of any misconduct or breach of these Rules by a woman prisoner.

Inspection visits.

223. The Matron shall -

(a) daily inspect every part of the women's prison and bedding, clothing and food of every woman prisoner;

(b) at least twice fortnightly visit the women's prison during the night at an uncertain hour and satisfy herself as to its state.

Keys, journal instructions to prisoners.

224. The Matron shall –

(a) be responsible for the custody of the keys of all locks of the women's prison;

(b) keep a journal in which she shall record daily all important occurrences within the prison;

(c) instruct the women prisoners in sewing, washing and other approved work.

To accompany visitors.

225. The Matron shall, unless unavoidably prevented, attend official visitors, the Superintendent and the Medical Officer on their visits to the women's prison, and she shall not permit any male officer or male visitor, or male prisoner to enter the women's prison unless accompanied by herself or by another woman officer.

Subject to general rules.

226. The Matron and every woman officer shall be subject to the general rules for subordinate officers so far as those rules apply to them.

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Performance of Matron's duties in her absence.

227. Whenever the Matron is absent her duties shall be performed by a qualified woman officer appointed by the Superintendent and that officer shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Matron.

The Chief Officer

General duties.

228. The general duty of the Chief Officer shall be to assist the Superintendent in such manner as may from time to time be directed, and in the details of his duties. Such duty may include the proper keeping of books and records which the Superintendent may, from time to time, require him to keep.

Execution of orders and interviews.

229. The Chief Officer shall –

(a) attend to the carrying into effect of the Superintendent's orders as to the punishment of prisoners, and pay particular attention to prisoners under punishment in cellular confinement, so as to ensure that they are provided with necessaries and food, and that they are visited regularly and they are made to wash daily;

(b) attend especially to the carrying into effect of any orders of the Superintendent as to the classification of prisoners;

(c) attend especially to the carrying into effect of any orders of the Medical Officer as to the treatment of sick prisoners;

(d) inspect and check over with the officers in charge of outside working parties of prisoners all parties working outside the prison before they leave and on their return to the prison;

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(e) attend all interviews of prisoners with the Superintendent.

Supervision of discipline, observation of prisoners.

230. The Chief Officer shall -

(a) visit daily every party of prisoners while at work inside the prison and see that discipline and order are maintained and that no prisoner is allowed to be idle;

(b) closely observe the behaviour and general demeanour of all prisoners, and report on his observations to the Superintendent;

(c) immediately report to the Superintendent any neglect or misconduct by any prisoner which he has observed;

(d) detail and distribute all prison labour and ensure that the maximum use is made of the labour and time available;

(e) generally superintend the messing arrangements and distribution of the prisoners' meals;

(f) be responsible for seeing that the prisoners' clothes and bedding are kept in good repair, and that the rules with regard to the hygiene and exercise for prisoners are strictly observed;

(g) inform the Superintendent of anything likely to affect the safety or health of the prisoners or the efficiency of the staff.

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Supervision of officers. Training.

231. The Chief Officer shall –

(a) see that all officers on duty are clean and smartly dressed and that they are in all respects fit for duty and fully acquainted with their duties;

(b) detail the daily duties of the subordinate staff and record the same in his journal;

(c) closely observe the behaviour and general demeanour of the officers, and report his observations to the Superintendent;

(d) immediately report to the Superintendent any neglect or misconduct by any officer

(e) refrain from undue familiarity with subordinate officers;

(f) see that all subordinate officers take up their duties at the appointed time;

(g) instruct all officers who newly join the staff in their particular duties and in the general routine duties performed by officers.

Visits, inspection, checks, keys.

232. The Chief Officer shall -

(a) daily inspect every part of the prison, kitchen and workshops including all cells, bolts, bars, locks, and report to the Superintendent any irregularities with which he is not competent to deal;

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(b) make such occasional visits and inspection during the night as the Superintendent may direct;

(c) attend the checking and muster of prisoners at all times and report to the Superintendent the details of such checks;

(d) be responsible for keeping an inventory of all clothing, furniture, utensils and tools used in the prison;

(e) see that all the keys are securely disposed of for the night;

(f) be responsible for the locking of the prison at 10 p.m. every night and for the unlocking of the prison every morning.

Delegation of duty.

233. The Chief Officer, with the approval of the Superintendent, may delegate any one or more of his duties to another prison officer.

Performance of the Chief Officer's duties in his absence.

234. During the absence of the Chief Officer from the prison his duties shall be performed by the officer next in order of seniority or by any officer detailed by the Superintendent for that purpose.

The Clerk and Storekeeper

Stores, duties and responsibilities.

235. The Clerk and Storekeeper shall -

(a) receive all stores for the use of the prison and issue provisions and other stores for the daily use of the prison;

(b) be responsible for keeping the store-rooms clean

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and for keeping all stores under his charge in good order;

(c) be responsible for the security of all stores under his charge;

(d) make an immediate report to the Superintendent of any deficiency or irregularity in quality, quantity or delivery of prison stores;

(e) ensure that all unserviceable stores are returned to the store before he replaces them by a fresh issue;

(f) see that the strictest economy is exercised in the use of stores and avoid waste and unnecessary expenditure.

Clerical duties, Accounts.

236. The Clerk shall -

(a) keep proper accounts of receipts and issues of stores in accordance with accounting systems as laid out in Colonial Regulations;

(b) keep all accounts and perform all clerical duties connected with the prisons of Belize as may be directed by the Superintendent.

Not to be absent; observance of Prison Rules.

237. The Clerk shall -

(a) not absent himself from the prison during his working hours except with the authority of the Superintendent;

(b) conform to these Rules and obey every lawful order

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issued to him by the Superintendent.

Trade Instructors

General duties, materials, tools, orders.

238. Every trade instructor shall -

(a) be responsible to the Superintendent for the running of his trade shop and the discipline and training of prisoners employed therein;

(b) be responsible for all materials, tools and equipment issued to him for use in his trade shop;

(c) keep accounts in such manner as may be directed by the Superintendent of all materials, tools and equipment issued to him;

(d) not allow any work to be done in his trade shop without a written order from the Superintendent or the Chief Officer;

(e) perform any duty assigned to him by the Superintendent.

The Schoolmaster

Schoolmaster.

239. There shall be a Schoolmaster for the prison, appointed by the Minister on the joint recommendation of the Superintendent and the Chief Education Officer.

Duties.

240. The Schoolmaster shall -

(a) give instructions in secular subjects to prisoners selected by the Superintendent for the purpose, at such hours as the Superintendent may from time

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to time direct;

(b) keep proper records of time and duration of classes, names of prisoners under instructions and their progress and the course of instruction pursued;

(c) submit to the Chief Education Officer through the Superintendent a programme of work for the ensuing year;

(d) make monthly and annual reports in writing to the Superintendent as to the conduct and progress of the prisoners, and a copy of each such report shall be forwarded to the Chief Education Officer through the Superintendent.

Prison Rules.

241. The Schoolmaster shall conform to these Rules and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Superintendent.

The Gate-keeper

Responsibility for keys, arms, ammunition.

242. The Gate-keeper shall –

(a) have charge of all prison keys which are in actual use and issue them to such officers as the Superintendent may direct;

(b) keep a record of every officer to whom he has issued keys and receive every key from every such officer before such officer passes out of the prison gate;

(c) be responsible to the Superintendent for the custody of arms and ammunition in the safe at the gate lodge, and ensure that the safe is kept locked

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at all times.

Gate Journal.

243. The Gate-keeper shall -

(a) be responsible for keeping the Gate Journal and any other records required by the Superintendent to be kept in connection with the Gate-keeper's duties;

(b) keep in the Gate Journal a record of all persons and vehicles that pass through the gate, the time of entering and the time of leaving the prison.

Admission of persons, vehicles and articles.

244. The Gate-keeper shall –

(a) not open any gate of the prison to admit any person until he has satisfied himself that the person seeking admission may be properly admitted;

(b) not permit any subordinate officer to pass out of the gate during the hours of duty without the permission of the Superintendent;

(c) report to the Superintendent any improper conduct by an officer on entering or leaving the prison;

(d) ensure that no prohibited articles are brought into or taken out of the prison;

(e) examine all articles brought into the prison to ascertain that they contain nothing contrary to these Rules;

(f) not allow any article of whatever description to pass out of the prison unless authorised by the

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Superintendent;

(g) have power to stop and detain any person or vehicle whom he suspects of bringing in or carrying out any prohibited article or any article belonging to the prison, and in all such cases, report the matter immediately to the Superintendent.

Not to converse.

245. The Gate-keeper shall not engage in conversation with visitors to the prison nor shall he converse with any person through the wicket gate or through the front gate.

The Cook and Baker

Responsibility for meals and baking bread.

246. The Cook and Baker shall –

(a) manage the cooking and distribution of the prisoners' meals according to the prescribed scale of diets;

(b) be responsible for the proper cooking, adequate weight and right admixture of ingredients of the meals;

(c) be directly responsible for the proper baking of the bread for the prison and for Government institutions as authorised by the Superintendent;

(d) ensure that no food is so placed as to be easily accessible to prisoners until issued to them.

Cleanliness of kitchen; employment of prisoners; precaution.

247. The Cook and Baker shall –

(a) be responsible for the cleanliness and good order of the kitchen and bakery and of all utensils and

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equipment in use therein;

(b) be responsible for the discipline of the prisoners employed in the kitchen and bakery;

(c) not employ any prisoners in the kitchen or bakery unless such prisoner is passed as medically fit by the Medical Officer;

(d) before going off duty ensure that no wood or other fuel is left in or near the kitchen fireplace or the ovens.

The Transport Officer

Duties and responsibilities.

248. The Transport Officer shall –

(a) have charge of any motor vehicles used by the prison, and keep such vehicles dean and in good working order at all times;

(b) be responsible for and shall be liable to pay for any damage, repairs and replacements caused through his negligence to any motor vehicle of the prison, while such vehicle was under his charge;

(c) be responsible for all deficiencies in the quantity of any article received correctly by him to be transported to or from the prison.

Code of Discipline for Prison Officers

Offences against prison discipline by officers.

249. An officer commits an offence against prison discipline if he is guilty of:

(a) Discreditable conduct, that is to say, if he -

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(i) while on or off duty acts in a disorderly manner or in any manner prejudicial to discipline or likely to bring discredit on the Prison Service; or

(ii) while on or off duty borrows money from an officer subordinate or junior in rank, or lends money to a superior officer; or

(iii) smokes or drinks intoxicating liquor either within the prison walls (except under such restrictions as may from time to time be prescribed) or while on duty in a court or in charge of prisoners outside the prison; or

(iv) while on duty uses obscene, abusive or insulting language to any other member of the Prison Service; or

(v) while on duty quarrels with or assaults any other member of the Prison Service; or

(vi) while on duty or liable to be called upon for duty, is unfit for duty through drinking intoxicating liquors; or

(vii) is asleep while on duty; or

(viii) takes up duty improperly or slovenly dressed or dirty; or

(ix) quits his post without authority; or

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(x) frequents any place of gambling.

(b) Insubordinate conduct, that is to say, if he is insubordinate by word or act towards any officer of the Prison Service, whose orders it is for the time being his duty to obey.

(c) Disobedience of orders, that is to say, if he without good and sufficient cause fails to carry out any lawful order, whether in writing or not.

(d) Neglect of duty, that is to say, if he-

(i) neglects, or without good and sufficient cause fails, promptly and diligently to do anything which it is his duty as a prison officer to do; or

(ii) by carelessness or neglect in the course of his duty contributes to the escape of a prisoner; or

(iii) by carelessness or neglect in the course of his duty contributes to the occurrence of any loss, damage or injury to any person or property; or

(iv) leaves a cell, door, or gate unlocked; or

(v) whilst on gate duty neglects to strike the hour, or strikes the hour incorrectly; or

(vi) neglects to guard, supervise, or attend

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prisoners under his charge; or

(vii) neglects to search or carelessly searches a prisoner or visitor, when it is his duty to do so; or

(viii) neglects to examine the cells and locks under his charge, and to examine and search the wards, cells, clothing and bedding under his charge when it is his duty to do so; or

(ix) neglects to see that the cells, wards, yards or other parts of the prison under his charge are kept clean; or

(x) neglects to report any misconduct, breach of the Prison Rules or omission of duty by himself, another officer or a prisoner; or

(xi) neglects to report his absence from duty on account of illness, to the Superintendent or to the Chief Officer; or

(xii) neglects to count the prisoners as directed by these Rules or by the Superintendent; or

(xiii) while on duty neglects to peg the tell-tale clock as directed; or

(xiv) neglects to maintain order and discipline among prisoners under his charge; or

(xv) leaves tools, or other articles likely to

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facilitate escape lying about out of their appointed places; or

(xvi) loses or leaves lying about arms or ammunition.

(e) False statements, that is to say, if he knowingly makes any false, misleading or inaccurate statements either orally or in any official document or book, or signs any such statement, or with intent to deceive destroys or mutilates any such document or book or alters or erases any entry therein whether in connection with his duties as a prison officer or as an officer or member of any club or fund connected with the prison or the prison staff.

(f) Failure to account, that is to say, if he fails to account for, or to make a prompt or true return of, any money or property for which he is responsible whether in connection with his duties as a prison officer or with any club or fund connected with the prison or with the prison staff.

(g) Breach of confidence, that is to say, if he without proper authority –

(i) divulges any matter which it is his duty to keep secret; or

(ii) communicates directly or indirectly to the press or to any unauthorised person any matter which may have become known to him in the course of his public duties;

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or

(iii) publishes any matter or makes any public pronouncement relating to prisons or prisoners; or

(iv) has any dealing with or is directly or indirectly concerned with any political party.

(h) Improper relations with prisoners or ex-prisoners, that is to say, if he-

(i) communicates with a prisoner for an improper purpose; or

(ii) uses obscene, insulting or abusive language to a prisoner; or

(iii) allows any undue familiarity between a prisoner and himself or any servant of the prison; or

(iv) without proper authority communicates with any ex-prisoner or with a friend or relative of any prisoner or ex-prisoner; or

(v) discusses his duties or any matters of discipline or prison arrangements within the hearing of a prisoner; or

(vi) allows any person to communicate with a prisoner who is not authorised to do so.

(i) Trafficking, that is to say, if he knowingly and

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without proper authority –

(i) carries out any pecuniary or business transaction with or on behalf of any prisoner or ex-prisoner or with a friend or relative of any prisoner or ex-prisoner; or

(ii) brings into the prison or carries out of the prison, or attempts to bring in or carry out, or allows to be brought in or carried out, to or for any prisoner any article whatsoever; or

(iii) accepts any present or consideration from any prisoner or ex-prisoner or from a friend or relative of any prisoner or ex-prisoner.

(j) Corrupt practice, that is to say if knowingly, he –

(i) solicits or receives any unauthorised fee, gratuity or other consideration in connection with his duties as a prison officer; or

(ii) improperly uses his position as a prison officer for his private advantage.

(k) Unlawful or unnecessary exercise of authority, that is to say, if he –

(i) deliberately acts in a manner calculated to provoke a prisoner; or

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(ii) in dealing with a prisoner uses force unnecessarily or, where application of force to a prisoner is necessary uses undue force.

(l) Absence without leave or being late for duty, that is to say, if, without reasonable excuse, he is absent without leave from the prison, or from any parade, or place of duty, or is late for any duty or parade.

(m) Damage to clothing or other articles supplied, that is to say, if he –

(i) wilfully or negligently damages or loses any article of clothing or personal equipment with which he has been provided or entrusted or fails to take proper care thereof, or

(ii) neglects to report any damage to, or loss of, any article of clothing or personal equipment, however caused.

(n) Unauthorised possession of property, that is to say, if he, while on or off duty, is knowingly and improperly in possession of public property or of property belonging to any other member of the Prison Service or of property belonging to any prisoner or to a friend or relative of any prisoner

(o) Attempting to enlist outside influence, that is to say, if he procures or attempts to procure the intervention on his behalf of a Member of the National Assembly or of the Cabinet or of a Visiting Justice or other person of influence for the purpose

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of securing his own advancement or the improvement of his personal position or of making charges against other officers.

(p) Violation of any of the Prison Rules.

Charge.

250. (1) A charge against an officer for an offence against discipline shall be entered on a charge sheet as soon as possible after consideration of the circumstances and statements on which the charge is based.

(2) The charge sheet shall specify the provisions under which the charge is made and shall contain such particulars as will leave the officer in no doubt as to the precise nature of the allegation on which the charge is based.

(3) The charge sheet shall be handed to the accused officer as soon as possible, together with the written statements on which the charge is based.

(4) The accused officer shall initial and date all documents handed to him under the foregoing paragraph and return them as soon as possible.

Reply by officer.

251. The accused officer shall within twelve hours of the receipt of the charge sheet by him, state in writing upon the charge sheet –

(a) whether he admits or denies the charge;

(b) if he so desires, his reply to the charge; and

(c) the names of any witnesses whom he desires to call at the hearing.

Hearing.

252. The Superintendent shall as soon as possible hear the case, and shall take or cause to be taken a full record of the proceedings, and the witnesses shall sign such parts of the records as comprise evidence given by them, and

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the accused officer shall be shown the full record and shall sign it.

Right of accused officer.

253. The accused officer shall be entitled at the hearing to hear the case against him, and to have an opportunity of cross-examining the witnesses called in support of the case against him, and of giving evidence and calling witnesses in his defence.

Finding by Superintendent. Punishment.

254. (1) If the charge against the accused officer is not proved Superintendent shall dismiss the charge.

(2) If the charge against the accused officer is proved the Superintendent or such person deputed by the Superintendent in his absence, may award the guilty officer any one or a combination of not more than three of the following punishments –

(a) caution;

(b) reprimand;

(c) fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars;

(d) reduction of rank or grade;

(e) extra duties for a period not exceeding six days;

(f) dismissal.

Punishment to be entered.

255. Any award made by the Superintendent under the foregoing rule shall be entered by him on the charge sheet, and shall be recorded by the Superintendent in the officer's record of service.

Appeal.

256. An officer may within three days of the determination of the case by the Superintendent appeal in writing to the Minister against the Superintendent's decision and shall hand his appeal, to the Superintendent to be forwarded to the Minister for his decision.

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PART V
VISITING JUSTICES

Constitution of Board of Visiting Justices.

257. Visiting Justices appointed by the Governor-General under section 6 of the Prisons Act, of whom not less than two shall be Justices of the Peace, shall constitute a Board of Visiting Justices.

Meetings.

258. The Board of Visiting Justices shall meet -

(a) at the prison in the second week of January of each year and arrange a rota of attendance at the prison for the purpose of carrying out the duties assigned to them;

(b) at the prison once a quarter and discharge its functions under the rules and shall keep minutes of its proceedings;

(c) from time to time as may seem necessary.

Inquiries.

259. The Board of Visiting Justices shall –

(a) co-operate with the Minister, and with the Superintendent in promoting the efficiency of the prison, and shall make inquiries into any matter specially referred to the Board by the Minister and report thereon;

(b) assist the Superintendent with advice as to education, recreation, employment and welfare of the prisoners.

Visits.

260. Visiting Justices shall –

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(a) pay frequent visits to the prisons to which they are appointed and at least one Visiting Justice shall visit all sections of such prison once every week;

(b) have access to every part of the prison and may interview any prisoner either alone or in the presence and hearing of an officer;

(c) bring to the notice of the Superintendent or if they deem it expedient, to the notice of the Minister, any abuses in relation to the prison which comes to their knowledge, and may, in case of urgent necessity, recommend pending inquiry into the matter complained of, the suspension of any member of the subordinate staff.

Investigations, inspections, adjudicating.

261. Visiting Justices shall –

(a) hear and investigate any complaint which a prisoner may make to them and shall report the same, with their opinion, to the Superintendent, or if necessary to the Minister;

(b) inquire into any report which they may receive to the effect that the mind or body of a prisoner is likely to be injured by the conditions of his imprisonment, and shall communicate their opinion to the Minister, or if the case is not urgent, they may recommend to the Superintendent such action as to them may seem expedient;

(c) inspect the diet of the prisoners, and may report thereon to the Superintendent who shall take such

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steps thereupon as may be necessary, or they may report the matter with their recommendations to the Minister;

(d) hear and adjudicate on such offences as are reported to them under Rules 51 and 52 respectively of these Rules.

Inspection of books.

262. The Visiting Justices may inspect any of the books of the prison.

Annual Report.

263. The Board of Visiting Justices shall make an annual report at the end of each year to the Minister with regard to all or any matter referred to in these Rules, with its advice, and suggestions upon any such matter, and it may make such reports to the Minister as it may consider necessary concerning any matter relating to the prison to which, in its opinion, attention should be drawn.

PART VI
PAROLE SYSTEM

Interpretation.
50 of 1998.

264. For the purposes of this Part -

(a) "Board" or "Parole Board" means the Board established under Rule 265 of these Rules;

(b) "offender" has the same meaning as prisoner;

(c) "parole officer" means any of the officers referred to in Rule 275 below.

Composition of the Parole Board.
50 of 1998.

265. (1) There shall be established for the purposes of these Rules a body to be known as the Parole Board which shall consist of seven persons to be appointed by the Minister as follows:

(a) the Chief Executive Officer to the Ministry

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responsible for prisons, *ex-officio,* who shall be the Chairman;

(b) a person who holds or has held a judicial office;

(c) a registered medical practitioner, preferably a psychiatrist;

(d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for Human Resources;

(e) the Superintendent of Prisons, *ex-officio;* and

(f) two other person appearing to the Minister to have knowledge and experience of the supervision or after care of discharged prisoners, or who have made a study of the causes of delinquency or the treatment of offenders.

(2) The Board shall appoint a prison officer to be Secretary to the Board.

Functions of the Parole Board. 50 of 1998.

266. (1) The Board shall have the power to deal with and to decide as to -

(a) the release on parole of any offender eligible for parole under these Rules;

(b) the remission, suspension or variation of any condition of parole of any offender, or imposition on any such offender of any additional condition of parole.

(2) In considering any case for parole under this Part, the Board

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may request any person to provide information or to make representations which in the Board's opinion, may be of assistance in reaching a decision including any information or representation concerning

(a) the safety of the public, and of any person or class of persons who may be affected by the release of the offender;

(b) the welfare of the offender and his reformation and training in the prison in which he is detained;

(c) the sentence imposed by the court and any comments by the court when such sentence was imposed;

(d) any representations made by the Superintendent of Prisons or the Commissioner of Police;

(e) any representations made by the offender or any person acting on his behalf;

(f) the probable circumstances of the offender if released, especially the likelihood of his peaceful reintegration into society;

(g) the likely response of the offender to supervision by the parole officer;

(h) the reasonable probability that the offender will live and remain at liberty without violating laws;

(i) any other information or representation which the Board may think fit.

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Eligibility for parole consideration. 50 of 1998.

267. (1) Every offender other than an offender sentenced to death, shall be eligible for consideration for release on parole upon the expiry of the following periods from the date of his reception in a prison after sentencing:

(a) 10 years, in the case of every prisoner undergoing imprisonment for life;

(b) after the expiry of one half of the term of the sentence of imprisonment, in the case of every prisoner undergoing any other sentence.

(2) As soon as an offender has become eligible to be released on parole under subrule (1) above, the Superintendent of Prisons shall refer the case of such offender to the Board for consideration.

(3) Nothing in subrule (2) above shall preclude an offender from himself applying to the Board after he has become eligible to be released on parole under subrule (1) above.

(4) Where the Board refuses to release an offender on parole under subrule (2) or (3) of this Rule, the offender may from time to time apply to the Board for a further consideration of his case provided that no application under this subrule shall be entertained by the Board at any time within six months after the making of a previous application.

(5) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Rule, the Board may of its own motion or at the request of any member thereof, at any time after the expiry of the appropriate period specified in subrule (1) above, consider the case of an eligible offender, with a view to his being released on parole.

(6) In considering any case under this Rule, the Board or any member authorized in writing by the Board may interview the offender at the prison in which he is detained or require the offender to attend before a meeting

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of the Board or require a prison officer in charge of a prison to have the offender brought before a meeting of the Board.

(7) There shall be no right of appeal to any authority by a prisoner against the Board's decision refusing to grant parole, nor shall there be any right to apply for judicial review against such a decision and the Board's decision in any case for parole consideration shall be final.

121 of 2002.

(8) Notwithstanding subrule (1) an offender convicted of murder shall not be eligible for parole under these Rules.

Report on certain offenders by Superintendent of Prisons.
50 of 1998.

268. For the purposes of this Part, the Superintendent of Prisons or any other person authorized by him in that behalf shall submit an annual report in the prescribed form to the Board within two months after the end of each year of a sentence of imprisonment, on the general condition of every offender who is undergoing -

(a) imprisonment for life; and

(b) any other sentence of imprisonment of one year or more.

Duration of parole.
50 of 1998.

269. Where an eligible offender is released from detention by the Board under the provisions of this Part, before the expiry of his normal term of sentence, he shall be on parole from the time of his release until the expiry of his normal sentence of imprisonment.

Parole orders.
50 of 1998.

270. (1) The Board may by order release on parole any offender who is eligible under Rule 267 above, subject to the general conditions set out in Rule 271 below, and any other special conditions as the Board may think fit to impose which shall be incorporated in such parole order.

(2) every parole order shall be –

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(a) in writing;

(b) signed by the Chairman of the Board; and

(c) given to the offender prior to his release with a certified copy of the order given to the Superintendent of Prisons, the Commissioner of Police and the parole officer.

Conditions of parole.
50 of 1998.

271. (1) Where an offender is released on parole (hereinafter referred to as "a parolee"), the following general conditions shall apply:-

(a) within twenty-four hours after his release on parole he shall report to the parole officer at the place stated in the parole order or if he does not proceed directly to that place, then he shall report to some other parole officer within forty-eight hours of his release on parole;

(b) he shall report to the parole officer under whose supervision he is for the time being, as and when he is required to do so by the parole officer;

(c) he shall give to the parole officer and to the Superintendent of Prisons reasonable notice of his intention to move from his address and if he moves to any other address, he shall within forty-eight hours after his arrival at that address, notify his parole officer of his arrival, and give to him his new address, and the nature and place of his employment (if any);

(d) he shall not reside at an address that is not approved by the parole officer;

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(e) he shall not continue in any employment, or continue to engage in any occupation, that is not approved by the parole officer;

(f) he shall not associate with any specified person, or with persons of any specified class, with whom the parole officer has in writing warned him not to associate;

(g) he shall be of good behaviour and shall not commit any offence against any law;

(h) he shall comply with such other conditions as the Board may direct from time to time.

(2) Every parolee shall be under the supervision of a parole officer in whose district or area of authority he resides for the time being, or of such other parole officer as the Board may from time to time direct.

(3) Any parolee or his parole officer may at any time apply to the Board for the remission, suspension or variation of any general or special condition of parole.

(4) Any parole officer may apply to the Board for the imposition of any additional condition of parole in respect of any parolee under his supervision.

Recall of offender released on parole. 50 of 1998.

272. The Board may for any reasonable cause at any time direct in writing that a parolee be recalled. On the giving of the direction, the parole order shall be deemed to be revoked, and the parolee may be arrested without a warrant, by any police officer, prison officer or a parole officer and shall continue to serve his sentence unless he is again released on parole by the Board.

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Term of parole deemed part of sentence. 50 of 1998.

273. Where a person detained under any sentence is released on parole before the expiry of the sentence, the term of the sentence shall continue to run while he is on parole as if he were still serving the sentence and the date of expiry shall be determined accordingly.

Offence for breaching conditions of parole.

274. (1) Every parolee who contravenes or fails to comply with any condition of his parole commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment; and in addition, the parolee may be required by the court to serve the remaining part of his sentence.

(2) Where a parole or prison or police officer believes on reasonable grounds and has sufficient evidence that a parolee has committed a breach of any condition of his parole he may arrest the offender without a warrant.

(3) The conviction and sentencing of any parolee under this Rule shall not limit the power of recall conferred by this Part.

Parole officers. 50 of 1998.

275. The parole order referred to in Rule 270 above shall specify the judicial district or area in which the offender shall reside, and the functions conferred on a parole officer in relation to the supervision of an offender while on parole may be discharged by a probation officer, a social services officer, or by a person who in the opinion of the Board is a fit and proper person to undertake supervision and control of the offender while on parole.

Functions of parole officers. 50 of 1998.

276. (1) A parole officer may, and when required by the Board, shall -

(a) report to the Board on the character and personal history of any offender released on parole or undergoing a sentence of imprisonment with a view to assisting the Board in determining the most

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suitable method of dealing with the case; and

(b) in such report, advise the Board whether the offender would be likely to respond satisfactorily to parole and whether any special condition of parole should be imposed.

(2) It shall be the duty of every parole officer -

(a) to supervise all persons placed under his supervision with a view to assisting their rehabilitation and preventing the commission of further offences; and

(b) to perform such other duties as may from time to time be directed by the Board.

(3) In the exercise of his powers and duties under these Rules, every parole officer shall have the powers, protection and privileges of a prison officer.

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FIRST SCHEDULE
[Rule 117]

SCALE OF DIET

Breakfast 6.30 a.m.	Dinner 11.30 a.m.	Tea 4 p.m.
SUNDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Vegetable Soup consisting of Pigeon Peas, Beans or Split Peas 2 oz. (1 pint each), Fresh Beef 8 oz., Sweet Potatoes, Yams, Cocos or Breadfruit 8 oz., Bread 4 oz., Salt ¼ oz., Pepper 1/40 oz., Onions ½ oz .	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.
MONDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Fresh Fish or Salt Fish (boiled) 10 oz., Plantains 1 lb. or Yams ½ lb., Onions ½ oz., Bread 4 oz., Rice 6 oz. (or 3½ oz., with either Corn Grits 3 oz. or Sweet Potatoes 9 oz.), Salt ½ oz., Pepper 1/40 oz., Coconut Oil 1 oz.	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.
TUESDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Fresh Beef 8 oz., Rice 6 oz. or Corn Grits 6 oz., Beans or Pigeon Peas 2 oz., Onions ½ oz., Bread 4 oz., Salt 1/3 oz., Pepper 1/40 oz. Coconut Oil 1 oz.	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.
WEDNESDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Fresh Fish or Salt Fish (fried) 10 oz., Rice 6 oz. (or 3½ oz. with either sweet potatoes 9 oz., Yams 8 oz., Plantains 1 lb. or Cocos 10 oz.), Onions ¼ oz., Bread 4 oz., Beans or Pigeon Peas 2 oz., Salt 1 oz., Pepper 1/40 oz., Coconut Oil 2½ oz.	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.

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Breakfast 6.30 a.m.	Dinner 11.30 a.m.	Tea 4 p.m.
THURSDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Fresh Fish or Salt Fish (boiled) 10 oz., Plantains 1 lb. or Yams ½ lb., Onions ½ oz., Bread 4 oz., Rice 6 oz. (or 3½ oz. with either Corn Grits 3 oz. or Sweet Potatoes 9 oz.) Salt ½ oz., Pepper 1/40 oz., Coconut Oil 1 oz.	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.
FRIDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Fresh Beef 8 oz., Rice 6 oz. or Corn Grits 6 oz., Beans or Pigeon Peas 2 oz., Onions ½ oz., Bread 4 oz., Salt 1/3 oz., Pepper 1/40 oz., Coconut Oil 1 oz.	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.
SATURDAY Bread 4 oz., Coffee ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz. or Cornmeal 3 oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz.	Fresh Fish or Salt Fish (Fried) 10 oz., Rice 6 oz. (or 3½ oz. with either Sweet Potatoes 9 oz., Yams 8 oz., Plantains 1 lb. or Cocos 10 oz.) Onions ½ oz., Bread 4 oz., Beans or Pigeon Peas 2 oz., Salt 1 oz., Pepper 1/40 oz., Coconut Oil 2½ oz.	Bread 8 oz., Margarine ½ oz., Milk ½ oz., Sugar 1½ oz., Tea ¼ oz. or Cocoa ¼ oz., Cornmeal 3 oz.

NOTE

Gracie Rock Prison Farm prisoners receive an extra 2 oz. Bread and 1 oz. Fried Beans each morning.

Fresh Fruit when in season is supplied once per week.

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Butter mixed with Evaporated Milk is used as a subsitute when margarine is not available.

SECOND SCHEDULE

RESTRICTED DIETS

The restricted diets which may be awarded under Rules 50, 51 and 52 shall be as follows:

(1) No. 1 Diet

(a) This diet, when given for a period of three days, or less, shall consist of 1 lb. of bread per day with water.

(b) This diet, when given for more than three days, shall consist for alternate periods of three days of-

(i) 1 lb. bread per day with water;

(ii) the diet prescribed for prisoners employed on ordinary industrial labour.

(c) No task of labour shall be enforced on any one of the days on which bread and water constitute the sole food supplied to the prisoner, who may, nevertheless, be allowed the option of performing suitable labour in the cell.

(d) No prisoner who has been on No. 1 diet shall be placed upon this diet for a fresh offence until an interval has elapsed equal to the period already passed by the prisoner on No. 1 diet.

(2) No. 2 Diet

(a) This diet when given for a period of twenty-one days, or less, shall consist of:-

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Meal I	Bread 8 oz. with water.
Meal II	1 pint of porridge containing 3 oz. of cornmeal, bread 8 oz. with water, ground provisions 8 oz.
Meal III	Bread 8 oz. with water.

(b) This diet when given for a period of more than twenty-one days shall consist of:

(i) For the first twenty-one days the diet as at (2) *(a)*.

(ii) For the next seven days the diet prescribed for prisoners employed on ordinary industrial labour.

(iii) For the remainder of the period, the diet as at (2) *(a)*.

(c) If a prisoner while on No. 2 diet is guilty of misconduct, No. 2 diet may be temporarily interrupted, and the prisoner may be placed on No. 1 diet for a period not exceeding three days; on the expiration of the period awarded on No. 1 diet the prisoner shall resume the diet originally ordered, and the period passed on the No. 1 diet shall count as part of the period originally awarded on No. 2 diet:

Provided that no prisoner who has been on No. 2 diet for a period of twenty-one days continuously shall be again placed either on No. 1 or No. 2 diet until after the expiration of one week.

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THIRD SCHEDULE
[Rules 14, 214]

RULES IN CASE OF FIRE

Summoning of officers.

(1) If any part of the prison is found to be on fire, or in danger from fire, the Superintendent shall immediately be notified, whether the fire be at once extinguished or not. If it is not at once extinguished, all officers sleeping in or living near the prison shall at once be summoned by the alarm bell and keys to be issued to them. Notice shall also be given to the Police at Headquarters, and to the Fire Brigade by telephone.

First consideration.

(2) If a fire occurs in any building occupied by prisoners or contiguous thereto, safety of life shall first be attended to: the safe custody of prisoners shall receive next consideration. The prisoners endangered by the fire shall at once be removed to the yard or other place of safety, the Superintendent using his discretion as to the use of mechanical restraints. Sick prisoners shall be removed to a part of the prison where they can be out of danger and shall be provided for as comfortably as circumstances admit.

Prevention of draughts.

(3) All doors and windows shall, if possible, be kept closed, to prevent draughts adding intensity to the flames.

Lighting of yard.

(4) If the fire occurs at night, the whole of the yard, etc., shall be lighted up, so far as practicable, and held in readiness to receive prisoners.

Stores and records.

(5) After due attention has been paid to the life and safe custody of the prisoners, the prison stores, records, etc., shall receive attention for the purpose of preventing loss or damage through fire and water.

Fire buckets.

(6) Buckets shall be kept filled, some with water and some with sand, and shall be kept ready for use in easily accessible positions in different parts of the men's and women's prisons.

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FOURTH SCHEDULE
[Rules 216 – 219]

PRISON OFFICERS' UNIFORMS

Subordinate Staff	3 pairs khaki trousers	annually
	3 khaki shirts	annually
	1 khaki tunic	as required
	2 pairs boots	annually
	1 cap	annually
	1 pair gum boots	as required
	1 water-proof cloak	as required
	1 pair canvas rubber shoes	as required
	1 helmet	as required
	1 bush hat (for officers at G.R.P.F.)	annually
Matron	3 dresses (blue linen)	annually
	2 pairs ladies shoes	annually
	1 ladies service cap (blue linen)	annually
	1 pair gum boots	as required

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FIFTH SCHEDULE
[Rule 109]

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE ON PRISON OFFICERS

1. Every officer who from illness is unable to attend duty shall, in order to be allowed to receive pay as herein provided, as soon as practicable after the commencement of such illness, procure a sick report from the prison, and attend at the hospital and submit to an examination by the Medical Officer.

2. Every such officer, as to whom the Medical Officer shall, after such examination, report that he is from illness unable to perform duty, and who shall carry out the directions of the Medical Officer as to entering and remaining in the hospital or attending at any dispensary under the charge of the Medical Officer, and generally as to the treatment of such illness, shall receive pay during the time, not exceeding one and one half months, that he is unable to perform duty, at the following rate, viz –

(a) if the Medical Officer reports that his illness was not occasioned by his own misconduct, then full pay during the first month and half pay during the subsequent half month; or

(b) if the Medical Officer reports that his illness was occasioned by his own misconduct then half pay throughout.

3. The Minister may in special cases on the recommendation of the Superintendent allow any such officer to receive full pay in respect of the whole or part of the period during which he is unable from illness to perform duty notwithstanding that his illness was occasioned by his misconduct and notwithstanding that he does not comply with the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

4. Except as provided in paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof no such officer shall be allowed to receive any pay in respect of any period during which he is unable from illness to perform duty.

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5. Every such officer, who when unable from illness to perform duty, does not comply with the provisions set out in paragraph 2 hereof –

(a) shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of his illness, send to the prison a certificate, and, if his inability to perform duty continues after the expiration of the period mentioned in such certificate, shall, from time to time as long as the inability continues, as soon as practicable after the expiration of the period mentioned in a previous certificate, send to the prison a further certificate;

(b) shall, as long as the inability continues, report himself, daily at the prison, if the state of his health allows, or also allow himself to be visited daily by an officer deputed by the Superintendent and in default of complying with the provisions of this Schedule shall be liable to punishment as for absence from duty without leave unless he proves that such non-compliance was unavoidable on his part.

6. Every such officer who, for a period of six weeks is from illness unable to perform duty, shall submit to an examination by the Medical Officer, and if he refuses or neglects when required by the Superintendent or the Medical Officer to submit to such examination, or if after such examination the Medical Officer reports him to be unfit for further service in the prison, may be at once discharged therefrom. Such examination shall be held at the hospital, unless the officer in question, not being at the time a patient in the hospital, shall, when required by the Superintendent to submit to the examination, send to the prison a certificate signed by a duly qualified medical practitioner stating that he is unable from illness to attend at the hospital to be examined, in which latter case he shall be examined by the Medical Officer at the place at which he may be at the time.

7. In the event of an officer taking a hospital or private sick report and on examination by the Medical Officer being found to be fit for duty, it shall be in the discretion of the Superintendent to cause such officer to forfeit pay for the length of time that he was absent from duty. Absence for any portion of a day is to count as a day in calculating the amount of pay to be forfeited.

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CHAPTER 139

COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER 139

48 of 1956.
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COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

[8th August, 1956]

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS.

Service required.
60 of 1978.

2. The Colonial Prison Service Medal will be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to staff of all ranks in the Prison Service of Belize who on or after the 28th October, 1955 shall have completed eighteen years continuous service as hereinafter defined.

A clasp will also be granted to a recipient of the medal on his completing twenty-five years' qualifying service and a further clasp on completing thirty years' qualifying service. For each clasp so awarded a small silver rose may be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

Continuity of service.

3. Qualifying service in the Prison Service of other Colonies or Territories under her Majesty's Protection or Administration may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service, if the total period of such service amounts to not less than eighteen years:

Provided, however, that where service has been rendered in more than one such territory as aforesaid an interval not exceeding twelve months between any two periods of service shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service; provided also that a break in service not exceeding six calendar months in any one such territory shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

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60 of 1978.

Previous service in the Police Force of Belize may also be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service provided that such Police Force Service is continuous within the prison staff service in Belize.

Exemplary character.

4. For the purpose of these Regulations service shall only be reckoned as qualifying service if it is certified that the character and conduct of the person recommended for the grant of the Medal or Clasp has been exemplary.

"Exemplary character" shall mean that the conduct and character of the person recommended is such that the conduct sheet discloses that for the five years previous to the submission of the person's name there has been no adverse record; regard also being had to his conduct and character throughout his service and the number and nature of the offences previously recorded.

Recommending authority.

5. Recommendations for the award of the Medal or Clasp shall be submitted by the Superintendent of Prisons to the Governor-General. The Medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor General and a notification of such award shall be published in the Government *Gazette.*

Forfeiture and restoration.

6. (1) A recipient of the Medal or Clasp who is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Fire Service for misconduct shall forfeit the Medal or Clasp unless the Governor-General shall otherwise direct.

(2) A Medal or Clasp so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor-General at his discretion.

(3) A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in every case be published in the Government *Gazette.*

Loss of Medal.

7. In the event of the loss of the Medal or Clasp it may be replaced on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Prisons at the expense of the holder, unless it is decided to relieve him of his liability.

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